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**LRB 05-3956 (SB 426)**

The attached 2005 draft was incorporated into the new 2005 draft listed above. For research purposes, this cover sheet and the attached drafting file were copied, and added, as a appendix, to the new 2005 drafting file. If introduced this section will be scanned and added, as a separate appendix, to the electronic drafting file folder.

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1 AN ACT *to repeal* 108.02 (15) (k) 14., 108.04 (1) (e), 108.04 (7) (f) and 108.05 (1)  
2 (j) to (m); *to renumber* 108.22 (1) (ad); *to renumber and amend* 108.105 and  
3 108.22 (8) (b); *to amend* 20.445 (1) (gd), 20.445 (1) (nb), 20.445 (1) (nc), 20.445  
4 (1) (nd), 20.445 (1) (ne), 108.02 (12) (a), 108.02 (12) (dm), 108.02 (12) (dn), 108.02  
5 (15) (j) 5. and 6., 108.02 (21) (a) (intro.), 108.02 (21e) (intro.) and (b), 108.04 (1)  
6 (b) 1., 108.04 (1) (b) 3. (intro.), 108.04 (1) (c), 108.04 (5), 108.04 (13) (c), 108.04  
7 (13) (e), 108.04 (16) (b), 108.04 (16) (c) 2., 108.05 (1) (n) (intro.), 108.05 (3) (a),  
8 108.05 (10) (b), 108.068 (2), 108.068 (8), 108.09 (2) (bm), 108.09 (4s), 108.151 (4)  
9 (b), 108.16 (6m) (a), 108.16 (8) (e) 1., 108.16 (8) (h), 108.17 (2g), 108.18 (1) (a),  
10 108.18 (2) (d), 108.20 (2m), 108.205 (2), 108.22 (1) (ac), 108.22 (1) (b), 108.22 (1)  
11 (c), 108.22 (1m), 108.22 (2), 108.225 (1) (a), 108.225 (20), 108.24 (2) and 165.60;  
12 and *to create* 20.445 (1) (gi), 108.02 (15) (j) 7., 108.04 (5g), 108.04 (13) (g),  
13 108.05 (1) (o) and (p), 108.09 (4n), 108.105 (2), 108.151 (7), 108.16 (6w) and (6x),  
14 108.16 (8) (em), 108.16 (8) (im), 108.16 (8) (m) to (o), 108.17 (2b), 108.205 (1m),

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1           108.22 (1) (ad) 2., 108.22 (8) (b) 2. and 165.066 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2           various changes in the unemployment insurance law, authorized positions for  
3           the department of justice, making appropriations, and providing penalties.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill makes various changes in the unemployment insurance law. Significant provisions include:

**BENEFIT RATE CHANGES**

Currently, weekly unemployment insurance benefit rates for total unemployment range from \$49 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$1,225 during at least one quarter of the employee's base period (period preceding a claim during which benefit rights accrue) to \$329 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$8,225 during any such quarter. This bill adjusts weekly benefit rates for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before January 7, 2007, to rates ranging from \$51 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$1,275 during at least one quarter of the employee's base period to \$341 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$8,525 during any such quarter; and beginning on or after January 7, 2007, to rates ranging from \$53 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$1,325 during at least one quarter of the employee's base period to \$355 for an employee who earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) of at least \$8,875 during any such quarter.

**OTHER BENEFIT CHANGES*****Failure to provide notification of absenteeism or tardiness***

Currently, if an employee is discharged for misconduct connected with his or her work — interpreted by the courts to include only misconduct that evinces willful or wanton disregard of the employer's interests or carelessness or negligence in the performance of duties to such degree or recurrence as to manifest culpability or wrongful intent or exhibit such behavior as to endanger the physical safety of persons on the work site — the employee is ineligible to receive benefits until seven weeks have elapsed since the end of the week in which the discharge occurs and the employee earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) after the week in which the discharge occurs equal to at least 14 times the employee's weekly benefit rate in employment covered by the unemployment insurance law of any state or the federal government. In addition, all wages earned with the employer that discharges the employee are excluded in determining the amount of any future benefits to which the employee is entitled.

This bill provides that if an employee is discharged for failing to notify an employer of tardiness or absenteeism that becomes excessive, as defined in the bill, and the employer complies with requirements specified in the bill to provide notice

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to the employee, the employee is ineligible to receive benefits until six weeks have elapsed since the end of the week in which the discharge occurs, and the employee earns wages (or certain other amounts treated as wages) after the week in which the discharge occurs equal to at least six times the employee's weekly benefit rate in work covered by the unemployment insurance law of any state or the federal government. The disqualification created by the bill applies in lieu of the current law governing eligibility for benefits after discharges in the situations to which the disqualification applies.

***Determination of wages for purposes of partial unemployment benefits***

Under current law, with certain exceptions, if a claimant earns wages in a given week in employment covered by the unemployment insurance law, the first \$30 of the wages are disregarded and the claimant's weekly benefit payment is reduced by 67 percent of the remaining amount of wages earned. However, any amount that a claimant earns for services performed as a volunteer fire fighter, volunteer emergency medical technician, or volunteer first responder in any week does not reduce the claimant's benefit payment for that week. This bill discontinues the exclusion of amounts earned for volunteer fire fighter, volunteer emergency medical technician, and volunteer first responder services from partial unemployment benefit calculation. The bill also provides that wages earned in work not covered by the unemployment insurance law are included with other wages in calculating benefit reductions for partial unemployment benefits.

***Benefit reductions due to certain suspensions, terminations, and leaves***

Currently, if an employee is suspended from his or her employment, an employee is terminated by his or her employer because the employee is unable to perform or unavailable for suitable work otherwise available with the employee's employer, or an employee is granted family or medical leave, and the employee is unable to perform work or unavailable for suitable work after the suspension or termination, the employee is ineligible to receive benefits beginning with the week in which the suspension or termination occurs or the leave begins and for so long as the employee remains unable to perform work or unavailable for suitable work. This bill provides instead that an employee who is suspended or terminated due to inability to perform work or unavailability for work or an employee who is granted family or medical leave is only ineligible to receive benefits beginning with the portion of the week in which the employee was unable to perform work or unavailable for suitable work due to a suspension or termination and for so long as the employee remains unable to perform work or unavailable for suitable work.

***Self-employment disqualification***

Currently, an individual who is self-employed is not eligible for benefits for any week in which the individual has worked at the self-employment unless the individual establishes to the satisfaction of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) that he or she has made an active and bona fide search for employment. DWD must prescribe work-search requirements by rule, and may waive those requirements under certain conditions. This bill deletes the self-employment disqualification, thereby making individuals who work at their

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self-employment subject to work-search requirements and waivers on the same basis as other claimants.

***Voluntary termination of work***

Currently, if an employee voluntarily terminates his or her work with an employer, the employee is generally ineligible to receive benefits until four weeks have elapsed since the end of the week in which the termination occurs and the employee earns wages after the week in which the termination occurs equal to at least four times the employee's weekly benefit rate in employment covered by the unemployment insurance law of any state or the federal government. However, an employee may terminate his or her work and receive benefits without requalifying under this provision if the employee terminates his or her work with good cause attributable to his or her employer. In addition, an employee may voluntarily terminate his or her work and receive benefits without requalifying under this provision if the employee is transferred by his or her employer to work paying less than two-thirds of his or her immediately preceding wage rate with that employer, except that the employee is ineligible to receive benefits for the week of termination and the four next following weeks. This bill deletes the latter exception. Under the bill, if an employee's wages are substantially reduced by his or her employer, the employee may still be able to voluntarily terminate his or her employment and claim benefits without requalifying or waiting, if it is determined that the wage reduction constitutes good cause attributable to the employee's employer.

***Employee status***

Currently, to be eligible to claim benefits, an individual must, in addition to other requirements, be an "employee," as defined in the unemployment insurance law. Generally, an "employee" is an individual who performs services for an employer covered by the unemployment insurance law, whether or not the employer directly pays the individual. However, an individual is not an "employee" if the individual owns a business that operates as a sole proprietorship or if the individual is a partner in a business that operates as a partnership. This bill provides that these exclusions apply only with respect to services the individual performs for the sole proprietorship or partnership.

**TAX CHANGES*****Uncollectible reimbursable benefits***

Currently, an employer that is a nonprofit organization may, in lieu of paying regular contributions (taxes) to the unemployment reserve fund, elect to reimburse the fund for the cost of benefits charged to its account. If a nonprofit organization that has elected reimbursement financing fails to reimburse the fund for the cost of benefits charged to its account and DWD is unable to collect the amount due, together with any interest and penalties, the fund must absorb these costs. Employers that elect reimbursement financing do not contribute to the payment of these costs. This bill provides that if, as of June 30 of any year, there is a total of at least \$5,000 due from nonprofit organizations for reimbursements of benefits paid on their behalf that DWD has determined to be uncollectible, DWD must assess all employers that are nonprofit organizations and that have elected reimbursement

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financing, except Indian tribes, for these costs, but shall not assess more than a total of \$200,000 in any single year. Under the bill, assessments are applied by DWD to each employer's gross payroll at a rate determined by DWD to be sufficient to reimburse the fund for uncollectible reimbursements paid on behalf of employers that are nonprofit organizations. The bill provides that no assessments are payable based on reimbursements that DWD determined to be uncollectible prior to January 1, 2004.

***Treatment of professional employer organizations***

Currently, an employer is generally liable for contributions (taxes) or benefit reimbursements based on an individual's employment if the individual is subject to the employer's direction or control over the performance of the individual's services. However, if an individual performs services for a client of a professional employer organization under a contract, the organization is liable for contributions or benefit reimbursements based on those services under certain specified conditions. Currently, a "professional employer organization" is an organization that contracts to provide the nontemporary, ongoing workforce of a client. Under this bill, an organization may qualify as a "professional employer organization" only if it contracts to provide the nontemporary, ongoing workforce of more than one client, and the majority of the organization's clients are not under the same ownership, management, or control as the organization, other than through the terms of the contract.

**OTHER CHANGES*****Electronic reporting***

Currently, employers must file separate quarterly reports of contributions and wages with DWD. Employer agents that file contribution reports on behalf of 25 or more employers must file the reports using an electronic medium approved by DWD. Employers that employ 100 or more employees must also file quarterly wage reports using an electronic medium approved by DWD. This bill requires each employer of 50 or more employees that does not use an employer agent to file its contribution reports to file those contribution reports electronically using the Internet on a form prescribed by DWD. The bill requires each employer agent that prepares contribution reports on behalf of less than 25 employers to file those reports electronically using the Internet on a form prescribed by DWD. The bill requires all employer agents to file all wage reports electronically in the form prescribed by DWD. The bill also requires employers of 50 or more employees to file wage reports using an electronic medium approved by DWD. In addition, the bill makes an employer that is required to file its contribution reports electronically liable for a penalty of \$25 for each report that is not filed electronically in the form prescribed by DWD.

***Successorship***

Currently, if a business is transferred from one employer to another employer, the transferee may, under certain conditions, request that DWD treat it as a successor to the transferor for purposes of unemployment insurance experience, including contribution (tax) and benefit liability. DWD must treat the transferee as

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the successor to the transferor if the transferor and transferee are owned or controlled by the same interests. When a transferee is treated as a successor to a transferor, the contribution rates of the transferor and transferee are recomputed effective on January 1 of the year following the transfer. This bill requires DWD to treat the transferee as the successor to the transferor if the transferor and transferee are owned, controlled, or *managed* by the same interests. The bill also requires recomputation of the transferor's and transferee's contribution rates effective as of the beginning of the first quarter following the date of the transfer. The bill permits DWD to nullify a successorship if it finds that a substantial purpose of a business transfer was to obtain a reduced contribution rate for the transferee. In addition, the bill provides for punitive increases in contribution rates for employers, and creates both civil and criminal misdemeanor penalties for other persons, who knowingly make or attempt to make a false statement or representation to DWD in connection with an investigation to determine whether an employer qualifies to be considered a successor to the transferor of a business.

***Coverage of certain employees engaged in food processing***

Currently, an employee who is engaged in the processing of fresh fruits or vegetables is not entitled to receive benefits based upon that employment within the active processing season for the fruit or vegetable being processed, as defined by rule of DWD, unless 1) the employee earns sufficient wages to qualify for benefits based solely on work performed for the processing employer; or 2) in the four most recently completed quarters preceding the week in which the employee begins work for the processing employer, the employee earned at least \$200 for work covered by the unemployment insurance law of any state or the federal government that was performed for another employer. However, employers that provide food processing services are subject to contribution requirements (the requirement to pay taxes) based upon these services. This bill deletes this coverage exclusion. Under the bill, claimants are eligible to claim benefits based upon the performance of food processing services.

***Coverage of certain AmeriCorps employees***

Currently, employees performing services for the federal AmeriCorps program are generally covered under the unemployment insurance law. This bill eliminates coverage for those services, except for services performed as a part of a professional corps program in which a public or private nonprofit employer pays the entire salaries of the employees. Under the bill, employers that provide these services are no longer subject to contribution requirements based upon these services, and claimants are no longer eligible to claim benefits based upon the performance of these services.

***Failure of employers to provide information***

Currently, if benefits are erroneously paid because an employer fails to provide correct and complete information on a report to DWD, any benefits that DWD recovers do not affect charges to the employer's account for the cost of those benefits. The bill provides, in addition, that during the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on June 28, 2008, if benefits are erroneously paid because an employer fails to provide correct and complete information requested by DWD during a

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fact-finding investigation, but the employer later provides the requested information, then charges to the employer's account for the cost of benefits paid before the end of the week in which a redetermination or a decision of an appeal tribunal (hearing examiner) is issued regarding the matter are not affected by the redetermination or decision unless an appeal tribunal, the labor and industry review commission, or a court finds that the employer had good cause for failing to provide the information.

***Suspension of agents***

Currently, DWD may suspend the privilege of any agent to appear before DWD at hearings under the unemployment insurance law for a specified period if DWD finds that the agent has engaged in an act of fraud or misrepresentation, has repeatedly failed to comply with rules of DWD, or has engaged in solicitation of a claimant solely for the purpose of appearing at a hearing as the claimant's representative for pay. This bill permits DWD also to suspend the privilege of an agent to act as an employer's representative under the unemployment insurance law for up to one year if, during any 12-month period, in 5 percent or more of all hearings held in which employers represented by the agent are appellants there is a final decision finding that the employer represented by the agent failed to provide correct and complete information requested by DWD during a fact-finding investigation and there is no finding that the employer had good cause for that failure.

***Issuance of warrants against certain individuals***

Currently, under certain conditions, an individual who holds at least 20 percent of the ownership interest in a corporation or limited liability company may be found to be personally liable for unemployment insurance liabilities of the corporation or company. Currently, if an employer has delinquent unemployment insurance liabilities, DWD may issue a warrant and file it with the clerk of circuit court for any county where real or personal property of the employer is found. The warrant constitutes a lien upon the property and is subject to execution through sale of the property. This bill provides that DWD may issue a warrant for the collection of any unemployment insurance liabilities for which an individual is found to be personally liable.

***Unemployment insurance law enforcement***

This bill provides funding for 0.5 FTE assistant attorney general position in the Department of Justice (DOJ), funded from revenues received by DWD as interest and penalties for violations of the unemployment insurance law, to assist in the investigation and prosecution of noncompliance with the unemployment insurance law. The bill also authorizes DOJ to prosecute violations of the unemployment insurance law. Currently, the law is enforced by DWD and the district attorneys.

***Administration funding***

Currently, the federal government provides regular grants to this state for the purpose of financing the cost of unemployment insurance administration. In addition, the federal government provides special grants to this state that may be used for the purpose of unemployment insurance administration, for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits, or for certain other purposes.

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Currently, only the first \$2,389,107 of the moneys in a special grant for federal fiscal year 2002 may be used for unemployment insurance administration. This bill permits an additional \$1,000,000 of the moneys received in the special grant for federal fiscal year 2002 to be used for unemployment insurance administration. The bill further provides that none of the moneys in any special federal grant for federal fiscal years 2000, 2001, or 2002 may be encumbered or expended after September 30, 2007. The changes potentially increase the liability of employers to finance unemployment insurance benefits through contributions (taxes).

***Use of special federal grants***

Currently, from the special grants received by this state from the federal government for unemployment insurance purposes, special sum certain appropriations are made for information technology systems development, the apprenticeship program, and payment of bank service costs. If the treasurer of the unemployment reserve fund determines that these moneys are more than sufficient for these purposes, the treasurer must transfer any excess moneys in these appropriation accounts to the main account to which federal unemployment insurance revenues are credited. This bill eliminates the requirement for the treasurer to make these transfers.

***Treatment of limited liability companies***

Currently, DWD treats a limited liability company as a corporation if the company files an election with the Internal Revenue Service to be so treated for federal tax purposes and files proof with DWD that the Internal Revenue Service has agreed to so treat the company. The treatment may affect the taxation of the wages paid to principal officers of the company and their eligibility for benefits. For benefit purposes, a change is effective on the same date that the Internal Revenue Service agrees to treat the company as a corporation or the date that proof of such treatment is filed with DWD, whichever is later. Under this bill, a change applies to benefit years (periods during which benefits are potentially payable) in existence on or beginning on or after the date that the Internal Revenue Service treats the company as a corporation for federal tax purposes if the benefit year to which the treatment is to be applied has not ended on the date that DWD first receives notice of a benefit eligibility issue that relates to treatment of that limited liability company. The bill also makes a corresponding change to the treatment of a limited liability company that is treated as a corporation if the company elects, instead, to be treated as a partnership or sole proprietorship and the company files the appropriate election and proof of federal treatment.

***Administrative levy fees***

Currently, DWD may proceed against any third party that has in its possession property that is subject to levy for payment of delinquent contributions or penalties administratively assessed by DWD, or for repayment of benefit overpayments. The third party may deduct and retain a fee of \$5 from the amount collected in payment of the fee. This bill entitles a third party to collect and retain a levy fee of \$5 for each levy in which a debt is satisfied by means of a single payment and \$15 for each levy in which a debt is satisfied by means of more than one payment. Under the bill, the

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fee is payable from the property levied against and is in addition to the amount of the levy.

***Enforcement of assessments against imposters***

Currently, if any person makes a false statement or representation to obtain benefits in the name of another person, DWD may, by administrative action or by decision in an administrative proceeding, require the person to repay the benefits and may also penalize the person by levying an assessment against him or her in an amount not greater than 50 percent of the benefits wrongfully obtained. One of the ways by which DWD may collect such an assessment is to offset the amount of the assessment against any benefits that would otherwise be payable to the person. This process is called recoupment. This bill deletes the authority of DWD to collect these assessments by means of recoupment.

***Admission of employment data system reports***

Currently, the contents of a verified or certified report by a qualified expert presented by a party or DWD at an administrative hearing in a benefit claim case is prima facie evidence of the matter contained in the report if the report is otherwise competent and relevant, subject to rules as DWD prescribes. If a report is accepted as prima facie evidence of the matter contained in the report, it is not necessary to present testimony of the expert who created the report in order to admit the report into evidence.

This bill provides that if DWD maintains a database system consisting of occupational information and employment conditions data and an employee of DWD creates a report from the system, the report also constitutes prima facie evidence as to the matters contained in the report in an administrative hearing on a benefit claim if DWD first provides to the parties an explanation of the system, the parties have an opportunity to review and object to the report, and the report sets forth all information used in creating the report.

***Charging of certain benefits for claimants enrolled in approved training***

Under current law, if a claimant who is enrolled in employment-related training approved by DWD is paid benefits for which the claimant would otherwise be ineligible because the claimant has terminated his or her work or failed to accept suitable work or recall to work and is unable to work or unavailable for work or has failed to meet work search requirements, the costs of the benefits is charged to the balancing account of the unemployment reserve fund (which is financed from contributions of all employers that are subject to a requirement to pay contributions) instead of to the account or accounts of the claimant's employer or employers. This bill specifically applies this noncharging procedure only with respect to an employer from which the claimant terminated his or her work or refused to accept a recall to work.

***Study of unemployment reserve fund***

This bill directs DWD and the Council on Unemployment Insurance to study the long-term fiscal stability of the unemployment reserve fund. The bill directs



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1 payments made to the unemployment reserve fund to obtain a lower interest rate or  
2 deferral of interest payments on these advances, except as otherwise provided in s.  
3 108.20.

4 **SECTION 3.** 20.445 (1) (gi) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.445 (1) (gi) *Unemployment insurance law enforcement.* From the moneys  
6 received as interest and penalties collected under ss. 108.04 (11) (c) and (cm) and (13)  
7 (c) and 108.22, as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the  
8 purpose of assisting the department of justice in the enforcement of ch. 108.

9 **SECTION 4.** 20.445 (1) (nb) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 20.445 (1) (nb) *Unemployment administration; information technology*  
11 *systems; ~~federal moneys~~.* From the moneys received from the federal government  
12 under section 903 (d) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as a continuing  
13 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule, as authorized by the governor under s.  
14 16.54, for the purpose specified in s. 108.19 (1e) (d). All moneys transferred from par.  
15 (n) for this purpose shall be credited to this appropriation account. ~~Notwithstanding~~  
16 ~~s. 20.001 (3) (a), the treasurer of the unemployment reserve fund shall transfer any~~  
17 ~~unencumbered balance in this appropriation account that is not needed or available~~  
18 ~~to carry out the purpose of this appropriation to the appropriation account under par.~~  
19 ~~(n).~~ No moneys may be expended from this appropriation unless the treasurer of the  
20 unemployment reserve fund determines that such expenditure is currently needed  
21 for the purpose specified in s. 108.19 (1e) (d).

22 **SECTION 5.** 20.445 (1) (nc) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 20.445 (1) (nc) *Unemployment insurance administration; special federal*  
24 *moneys.* All moneys received from the federal government under section 903 of the  
25 federal Social Security Act, as amended, for federal fiscal years 2000 and 2001 and

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1 the first ~~\$2,289,107~~ \$3,289,107 of the moneys received from the federal government  
2 under that act for federal fiscal year 2002, as authorized by the governor under s.  
3 16.54, to be used for administration of unemployment insurance. No moneys may  
4 be encumbered or expended from this appropriation after September 30, 2007.

5 **SECTION 6.** 20.445 (1) (nd) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.445 (1) (nd) *Unemployment insurancee administration; apprenticeship.*

7 From the moneys received from the federal government under section 903 (d) of the  
8 federal Social Security Act, as amended, the amounts in the schedule, as authorized  
9 by the governor under s. 16.54, to be used for administration by the department of  
10 apprenticeship programs under subch. I of ch. 106. All moneys transferred from par.  
11 (n) for this purpose shall be credited to this appropriation account. ~~Notwithstanding~~  
12 ~~s. 20.001 (3) (a), the treasurer of the unemployment reserve fund shall transfer any~~  
13 ~~unencumbered balance in this appropriation account that is not needed or available~~  
14 ~~to carry out the purpose of this appropriation to the appropriation account under par.~~  
15 ~~(n).~~ No moneys may be expended from this appropriation unless the treasurer of the  
16 unemployment reserve fund determines that such expenditure is currently needed  
17 for the purpose specified in this paragraph.

18 **SECTION 7.** 20.445 (1) (ne) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 20.445 (1) (ne) *Unemployment administration; bank service costs.* From the  
20 moneys received by this state under section 903 (d) of the federal Social Security Act,  
21 as amended, all moneys transferred from the appropriation account under par. (n)  
22 to be used for the payment of the cost of banking services incurred by the  
23 unemployment reserve fund. ~~Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (c), the treasurer of the~~  
24 ~~unemployment reserve fund shall transfer any unencumbered balance in this~~  
25 ~~appropriation account that is not needed or available to carry out the purpose of this~~

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1 ~~appropriation to the appropriation account under par. (n).~~ No moneys may be  
2 expended from this appropriation unless the treasurer of the unemployment reserve  
3 fund determines that such expenditure is currently needed for the purpose specified  
4 in this paragraph.

5 **SECTION 8.** 108.02 (12) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 108.02 (12) (a) "Employee" means any individual who is or has been performing  
7 services for pay for an employing unit, ~~in an employment,~~ whether or not the  
8 individual is paid directly by such the employing unit, except as provided in par. (b),  
9 (bm), (c), (d), (dm) or (dn).

10 **SECTION 9.** 108.02 (12) (dm) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 108.02 (12) (dm) Paragraph (a) does not apply to an individual who owns a  
12 business that operates as a sole proprietorship with respect to services the individual  
13 performs for that business.

14 **SECTION 10.** 108.02 (12) (dn) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 108.02 (12) (dn) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a partner in a business that  
16 operates as a partnership with respect to services the partner performs for that  
17 business.

18 **SECTION 11.** 108.02 (15) (j) 5. and 6. of the statutes are amended to read:

19 108.02 (15) (j) 5. In any quarter in the employ of any organization exempt from  
20 federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the internal revenue code, other than an  
21 organization described in section 401 (a) or 501 (c) (3) of such code, or under section  
22 521 of the internal revenue code, if the remuneration for such service is less than \$50;  
23 or

24 6. By a nonresident alien for the period that he or she is temporarily present  
25 in the United States as a nonimmigrant under 8 USC 1101 (a) (15) (F), (J), (M), or

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1 (Q), if the service is performed to carry out the purpose for which the alien is admitted  
 2 to the United States, as provided in 8 USC 1101 (a) (15) (F), (J), (M), or (Q), or by the  
 3 spouse or minor child of such an alien if the spouse or child was also admitted to the  
 4 United States under 8 USC 1101 (a) (15) (F), (J), (M), or (Q) for the same purpose;  
 5 or

6 **SECTION 12.** 108.02 (15) (j) 7. of the statutes is created to read:

7 108.02 (15) (j) 7. By an individual who is a participant in the AmeriCorps  
 8 program, except service performed pursuant to a professional corps program as  
 9 described in 42 USC 12572 (a) (8).

10 **SECTION 13.** 108.02 (15) (k) 14. of the statutes is repealed.

11 **SECTION 14.** 108.02 (21) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 108.02 (21) (a) (intro.) "Payroll" Except as provided in s. 108.151 (7) (a),  
 13 "payroll" means all wages paid directly or indirectly by an employer within a certain  
 14 period to individuals with respect to their employment by that employer, and  
 15 includes all such wages for work which is excluded under sub. (15) (k) if the wages  
 16 paid for such work:

17 **SECTION 15.** 108.02 (21e) (intro.) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

18 108.02 (21e) PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION. (intro.) "Professional  
 19 employer organization" means any person who contracts to provide the  
 20 nontemporary, ongoing employee workforce of ~~a client~~ more than one client under  
 21 a written leasing contract, the majority of whose clients are not under the same  
 22 ownership, management, or control as the person other than through the terms of  
 23 the contract, and who under contract and in fact:

24 (b) Sets the rate of pay of the employees, whether or not through negotiations  
 25 and whether or not the responsibility to set the rate of pay is shared with the client;

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1           **SECTION 16.** 108.04 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2           108.04 (1) (b) 1. While the employee is unable to work, or unavailable for work,  
3 if his or her employment with an employer was suspended by the employee or by the  
4 employer or was terminated by the employer because the employee was unable to do,  
5 or unavailable for, suitable work otherwise available with the employer, except as  
6 provided in par. (c);

7           **SECTION 17.** 108.04 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           108.04 (1) (b) 3. While the employee is on family or medical leave under the  
9 federal family and medical leave act of 1993 (P.L. 103-3) or s. 103.10, and except as  
10 provided in par. (c), until whichever of the following occurs first:

11           **SECTION 18.** 108.04 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           108.04 (1) (c) If a leave of absence under par. (b) 2. or a family or medical leave  
13 under par. (b) 3. is granted to an employee for a portion of a week, if an employee is  
14 absent for only a portion of the available work in a week due to a suspension under  
15 par. (b) 1., or if an employee is absent for only a portion of the available work in a week  
16 in which a termination under par. (b) 1. occurs, the employee's eligibility for benefits  
17 for that partial week shall be reduced by the amount of wages that the employee  
18 could have earned in his or her work had the leave not been granted or had the  
19 suspension or termination not occurred. For purposes of this paragraph, the  
20 department shall treat the amount the employee would have earned as wages in that  
21 work for that week as wages earned by the employee and shall apply the method  
22 specified in s. 108.05 (3) (a) to compute the benefits payable to the employee. The  
23 department shall estimate the wages that an employee would have earned for a  
24 partial week if it is not possible to compute the exact amount of wages that the  
25 employee would have earned for that partial week.

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1           **SECTION 19.** 108.04 (1) (e) of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 20.** 108.04 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

3           108.04 (5) DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT. An Unless sub. (5g) applies, an  
4 employee whose work is terminated by an employing unit for misconduct connected  
5 with the employee's work is ineligible to receive benefits until 7 weeks have elapsed  
6 since the end of the week in which the discharge occurs and the employee earns  
7 wages after the week in which the discharge occurs equal to at least 14 times the  
8 employee's weekly benefit rate under s. 108.05 (1) in employment or other work  
9 covered by the unemployment insurance law of any state or the federal government.  
10 For purposes of requalification, the employee's weekly benefit rate shall be that rate  
11 which would have been paid had the discharge not occurred. The wages paid to an  
12 employee by an employer which terminates employment of the employee for  
13 misconduct connected with the employee's employment shall be excluded from the  
14 employee's base period wages under s. 108.06 (1) for purposes of benefit entitlement.  
15 This subsection does not preclude an employee who has employment with an  
16 employer other than the employer which terminated the employee for misconduct  
17 from establishing a benefit year using the base period wages excluded under this  
18 subsection if the employee qualifies to establish a benefit year under s. 108.06 (2) (a).  
19 The department shall charge to the fund's balancing account any benefits otherwise  
20 chargeable to the account of an employer that is subject to the contribution  
21 requirements under ss. 108.17 and 108.18 from which base period wages are  
22 excluded under this subsection.

23           **SECTION 21.** 108.04 (5g) of the statutes is created to read:

24           108.04 (5g) DISCHARGE FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY EMPLOYER OF ABSENTEEISM OR  
25 TARDINESS. (a) If an employee is discharged for failing to notify his or her employer

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1 of absenteeism or tardiness that becomes excessive, and the employer has complied  
2 with the requirements of par. (d) with respect to that employee, the employee is  
3 ineligible to receive benefits until 6 weeks have elapsed since the end of the week in  
4 which the discharge occurs and the employee earns wages after the week in which  
5 the discharge occurs equal to at least 6 times the employee's weekly benefit rate  
6 under s. 108.05 (1) in employment or other work covered by the unemployment  
7 insurance law of any state or the federal government. For purposes of  
8 requalification, the employee's weekly benefit rate shall be the rate that would have  
9 been paid had the discharge not occurred.

10 (b) For purposes of this subsection, tardiness becomes excessive if an employee  
11 is late for 6 scheduled workdays in a 12-month period without providing adequate  
12 notice to his or her employer.

13 (c) For purposes of this subsection, absenteeism becomes excessive if an  
14 employee is absent for 5 scheduled workdays in a 12-month period without providing  
15 adequate notice to his or her employer.

16 (d) 1. The requalifying requirements under par. (a) apply only if the employer  
17 has a written policy on notification of tardiness or absences that:

18 a. Defines what constitutes a single occurrence of tardiness or absenteeism;

19 b. Describes the process for providing adequate notice of tardiness or absence;

20 and

21 c. Notifies the employee that failure to provide adequate notice of an absence  
22 or tardiness may lead to discharge.

23 2. The employer shall provide a copy of the written policy under subd. 1. to each  
24 employee and shall have written evidence that the employee received a copy of that  
25 policy.

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1           3. The employer must have given the employee at least one warning concerning  
2 the employee's violation of the employer's written policy under subd. 1. within the  
3 12-month period preceding the date of the discharge.

4           4. The employer must apply the written policy under subd. 1. uniformly to all  
5 employees of the employer.

6           (e) The department shall charge to the fund's balancing account the cost of any  
7 benefits otherwise chargeable to the account of an employer that is subject to the  
8 contribution requirements under ss. 108.17 and 108.18 whenever an employee is  
9 ineligible to receive benefits for failure to notify the employer of tardiness or  
10 absenteeism that becomes excessive as described under this subsection.

11           **SECTION 22.** 108.04 (7) (f) of the statutes is repealed.

12           **SECTION 23.** 108.04 (13) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           108.04 **(13)** (c) If an employer, after notice of a benefit claim, fails to file an  
14 objection to the claim under s. 108.09 (1), any benefits allowable under any resulting  
15 benefit computation shall, unless the department applies a provision of this chapter  
16 to disqualify the claimant, be promptly paid. Except as otherwise provided in this  
17 paragraph, any eligibility question in objection to the claim raised by the employer  
18 after benefit payments to the claimant are commenced does not affect benefits paid  
19 prior to the end of the week in which a determination is issued as to the eligibility  
20 question unless the benefits are erroneously paid without fault on the part of the  
21 employer. If, during the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on June  
22 28, 2008, an employer fails to provide correct and complete information requested by  
23 the department during a fact-finding investigation, but later provides the requested  
24 information, charges to the employer's account for benefits paid prior to the end of  
25 the week in which a redetermination is issued regarding the matter or, if no

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1 redetermination is issued, prior to the end of the week in which an appeal tribunal  
2 decision is issued regarding the matter, are not affected by the redetermination or  
3 decision, except as provided in par. (g). If benefits are erroneously paid because the  
4 employer and the employee are at fault, the department shall charge the employer  
5 for the benefits and proceed to create an overpayment under s. 108.22 (8) (a). If  
6 benefits are erroneously paid without fault on the part of the employer, regardless  
7 of whether the employee is at fault, the department shall charge the benefits as  
8 provided in par. (d), unless par. (e) applies, and proceed to create an overpayment  
9 under s. 108.22 (8) (a). If benefits are erroneously paid because an employer is at  
10 fault and the department recovers the benefits erroneously paid under s. 108.22 (8),  
11 the recovery does not affect benefit charges made under this paragraph.

12 **SECTION 24.** 108.04 (13) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 108.04 (13) (e) If the department erroneously pays benefits from one  
14 employer's account and a 2nd employer is at fault, the department shall credit the  
15 benefits paid to the first employer's account and charge the benefits paid to the 2nd  
16 employer's account. Filing of a tardy or corrected report or objection does not affect  
17 the 2nd employer's liability for benefits paid prior to the end of the week in which the  
18 department makes a recomputation of the benefits allowable or prior to the end of  
19 the week in which the department issues a determination concerning any eligibility  
20 question raised by the report or by the 2nd employer. If, during the period beginning  
21 on January 1, 2006, and ending on June 28, 2008, the 2nd employer fails to provide  
22 correct and complete information requested by the department during a fact-finding  
23 investigation, but later provides the requested information, the department shall  
24 charge to the account of the 2nd employer the cost of benefits paid prior to the end  
25 of the week in which a redetermination is issued regarding the matter or, if no

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1 redetermination is issued, prior to the end of the week in which an appeal tribunal  
2 decision is issued regarding the matter, except as provided in par. (g). If the  
3 department recovers the benefits erroneously paid under s. 108.22 (8), the recovery  
4 does not affect benefit charges made under this paragraph.

5 **SECTION 25.** 108.04 (13) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

6 108.04 (13) (g) During the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on  
7 June 28, 2008, if benefits are erroneously paid because an employer fails to provide  
8 correct and complete information requested by the department during a fact-finding  
9 investigation, the employer is at fault unless an appeal tribunal, the commission, or  
10 a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the employer had good cause for the  
11 failure to provide the information.

12 **SECTION 26.** 108.04 (16) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 108.04 (16) (b) The department shall not apply any benefit disqualification  
14 under sub. (1) (b) 1., ~~(2) (a) or (d)~~, (7) (c), or (8) (e) or s. 108.141 (3g) that is not the  
15 result of training or basic education under par. (a) while an individual is enrolled in  
16 a course of training or education that meets the standards specified in par. (a).

17 **SECTION 27.** 108.04 (16) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

18 108.04 (16) (c) 2. The department shall not apply benefit disqualifications  
19 under sub. (1) (b) 1., ~~(2) (a) or (d)~~, (7) (c), or (8) (e) or s. 108.141 (3g) that are not the  
20 result of the training while the individual is enrolled in the training.

21 **SECTION 28.** 108.05 (1) (j) to (m) of the statutes are repealed.

22 **SECTION 29.** 108.05 (1) (n) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 108.05 (1) (n) (intro.) Each eligible employee shall be paid benefits for each  
24 week of total unemployment which commences on or after December 29, 2002, and  
25 before January 1, 2006, at the weekly benefit rate specified in this paragraph.

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1 Unless sub. (1m) applies, the weekly benefit rate shall equal 4% of the employee's  
2 base period wages which were paid during that quarter of the employee's base period  
3 in which the employee was paid the highest total wages, rounded down to the nearest  
4 whole dollar, except that, if that amount is less than the minimum amount shown  
5 in the following schedule, no benefits are payable to the employee and, if that amount  
6 is more than the maximum amount shown in the following schedule, the employee's  
7 weekly benefit rate shall be the maximum amount shown in the following schedule  
8 and except that, if the employee's benefits are exhausted during any week under s.  
9 108.06 (1), the employee shall be paid the remaining amount of benefits payable to  
10 the employee in lieu of the amount shown in the following schedule: [See Figure  
11 108.05 (1) (n) following]

12 **SECTION 30.** 108.05 (1) (o) and (p) of the statutes are created to read:

13 108.05 (1) (o) Each eligible employee shall be paid benefits for each week of  
14 total unemployment that commences on or after January 1, 2006, and before  
15 January 7, 2007, at the weekly benefit rate specified in this paragraph. Unless sub.  
16 (1m) applies, the weekly benefit rate shall equal 4 percent of the employee's base  
17 period wages that were paid during that quarter of the employee's base period in  
18 which the employee was paid the highest total wages, rounded down to the nearest  
19 whole dollar, except that, if that amount is less than the minimum amount shown  
20 in the following schedule, no benefits are payable to the employee and, if that amount  
21 is more than the maximum amount shown in the following schedule, the employee's  
22 weekly benefit rate shall be the maximum amount shown in the following schedule  
23 and except that, if the employee's benefits are exhausted during any week under s.  
24 108.06 (1), the employee shall be paid the remaining amount of benefits payable to

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1 the employee in lieu of the amount shown in the following schedule: [See Figure  
2 108.05 (1) (o) following]

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 **Figure 108.05 (1) (o):**

5 \_\_\_\_\_

Line	Highest Quarterly Wages Paid	Weekly Benefit Rate
1. ....	Under \$1,275.00	\$ 0
2. ....	1,275.00 to 1,299.99	51
3. ....	1,300.00 to 1,324.99	52
4. ....	1,325.00 to 1,349.99	53
5. ....	1,350.00 to 1,374.99	54
6. ....	1,375.00 to 1,399.99	55
7. ....	1,400.00 to 1,424.99	56
8. ....	1,425.00 to 1,449.99	57
9. ....	1,450.00 to 1,474.99	58
10. ....	1,475.00 to 1,499.99	59
11. ....	1,500.00 to 1,524.99	60
12. ....	1,525.00 to 1,549.99	61
13. ....	1,550.00 to 1,574.99	62
14. ....	1,575.00 to 1,599.99	63
15. ....	1,600.00 to 1,624.99	64
16. ....	1,625.00 to 1,649.99	65
17. ....	1,650.00 to 1,674.99	66

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18.	.....	1,675.00	to	1,699.99	.....	67
19.	.....	1,700.00	to	1,724.99	.....	68
20.	.....	1,725.00	to	1,749.99	.....	69
21.	.....	1,750.00	to	1,774.99	.....	70
22.	.....	1,775.00	to	1,799.99	.....	71
23.	.....	1,800.00	to	1,824.99	.....	72
24.	.....	1,825.00	to	1,849.99	.....	73
25.	.....	1,850.00	to	1,874.99	.....	74
26.	.....	1,875.00	to	1,899.99	.....	75
27.	.....	1,900.00	to	1,924.99	.....	76
28.	.....	1,925.00	to	1,949.99	.....	77
29.	.....	1,950.00	to	1,974.99	.....	78
30.	.....	1,975.00	to	1,999.99	.....	79
31.	.....	2,000.00	to	2,024.99	.....	80
32.	.....	2,025.00	to	2,049.99	.....	81
33.	.....	2,050.00	to	2,074.99	.....	82
34.	.....	2,075.00	to	2,099.99	.....	83
35.	.....	2,100.00	to	2,124.99	.....	84
36.	.....	2,125.00	to	2,149.99	.....	85
37.	.....	2,150.00	to	2,174.99	.....	86
38.	.....	2,175.00	to	2,199.99	.....	87
39.	.....	2,200.00	to	2,224.99	.....	88
40.	.....	2,225.00	to	2,249.99	.....	89
41.	.....	2,250.00	to	2,274.99	.....	90

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42.	.....	2,275.00	to	2,299.99	.....	91
43.	.....	2,300.00	to	2,324.99	.....	92
44.	.....	2,325.00	to	2,349.99	.....	93
45.	.....	2,350.00	to	2,374.99	.....	94
46.	.....	2,375.00	to	2,399.99	.....	95
47.	.....	2,400.00	to	2,424.99	.....	96
48.	.....	2,425.00	to	2,449.99	.....	97
49.	.....	2,450.00	to	2,474.99	.....	98
50.	.....	2,475.00	to	2,499.99	.....	99
51.	.....	2,500.00	to	2,524.99	.....	100
52.	.....	2,525.00	to	2,549.99	.....	101
53.	.....	2,550.00	to	2,574.99	.....	102
54.	.....	2,575.00	to	2,599.99	.....	103
55.	.....	2,600.00	to	2,624.99	.....	104
56.	.....	2,625.00	to	2,649.99	.....	105
57.	.....	2,650.00	to	2,674.99	.....	106
58.	.....	2,675.00	to	2,699.99	.....	107
59.	.....	2,700.00	to	2,724.99	.....	108
60.	.....	2,725.00	to	2,749.99	.....	109
61.	.....	2,750.00	to	2,774.99	.....	110
62.	.....	2,775.00	to	2,799.99	.....	111
63.	.....	2,800.00	to	2,824.99	.....	112
64.	.....	2,825.00	to	2,849.99	.....	113
65.	.....	2,850.00	to	2,874.99	.....	114

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66.	.....	2,875.00	to	2,899.99	.....	115
67.	.....	2,900.00	to	2,924.99	.....	116
68.	.....	2,925.00	to	2,949.99	.....	117
69.	.....	2,950.00	to	2,974.99	.....	118
70.	.....	2,975.00	to	2,999.99	.....	119
71.	.....	3,000.00	to	3,024.99	.....	120
72.	.....	3,025.00	to	3,049.99	.....	121
73.	.....	3,050.00	to	3,074.99	.....	122
74.	.....	3,075.00	to	3,099.99	.....	123
75.	.....	3,100.00	to	3,124.99	.....	124
76.	.....	3,125.00	to	3,149.99	.....	125
77.	.....	3,150.00	to	3,174.99	.....	126
78.	.....	3,175.00	to	3,199.99	.....	127
79.	.....	3,200.00	to	3,224.99	.....	128
80.	.....	3,225.00	to	3,249.99	.....	129
81.	.....	3,250.00	to	3,274.99	.....	130
82.	.....	3,275.00	to	3,299.99	.....	131
83.	.....	3,300.00	to	3,324.99	.....	132
84.	.....	3,325.00	to	3,349.99	.....	133
85.	.....	3,350.00	to	3,374.99	.....	134
86.	.....	3,375.00	to	3,399.99	.....	135
87.	.....	3,400.00	to	3,424.99	.....	136
88.	.....	3,425.00	to	3,449.99	.....	137
89.	.....	3,450.00	to	3,474.99	.....	138

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90.	.....	3,475.00	to	3,499.99	.....	139
91.	.....	3,500.00	to	3,524.99	.....	140
92.	.....	3,525.00	to	3,549.99	.....	141
93.	.....	3,550.00	to	3,574.99	.....	142
94.	.....	3,575.00	to	3,599.99	.....	143
95.	.....	3,600.00	to	3,624.99	.....	144
96.	.....	3,625.00	to	3,649.99	.....	145
97.	.....	3,650.00	to	3,674.99	.....	146
98.	.....	3,675.00	to	3,699.99	.....	147
99.	.....	3,700.00	to	3,724.99	.....	148
100.	.....	3,725.00	to	3,749.99	.....	149
101.	.....	3,750.00	to	3,774.99	.....	150
102.	.....	3,775.00	to	3,799.99	.....	151
103.	.....	3,800.00	to	3,824.99	.....	152
104.	.....	3,825.00	to	3,849.99	.....	153
105.	.....	3,850.00	to	3,874.99	.....	154
106.	.....	3,875.00	to	3,899.99	.....	155
107.	.....	3,900.00	to	3,924.99	.....	156
108.	.....	3,925.00	to	3,949.99	.....	157
109.	.....	3,950.00	to	3,974.99	.....	158
110.	.....	3,975.00	to	3,999.99	.....	159
111.	.....	4,000.00	to	4,024.99	.....	160
112.	.....	4,025.00	to	4,049.99	.....	161
113.	.....	4,050.00	to	4,074.99	.....	162

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114.	.....	4,075.00	to	4,099.99	.....	163
115.	.....	4,100.00	to	4,124.99	.....	164
116.	.....	4,125.00	to	4,149.99	.....	165
117.	.....	4,150.00	to	4,174.99	.....	166
118.	.....	4,175.00	to	4,199.99	.....	167
119.	.....	4,200.00	to	4,224.99	.....	168
120.	.....	4,225.00	to	4,249.99	.....	169
121.	.....	4,250.00	to	4,274.99	.....	170
122.	.....	4,275.00	to	4,299.99	.....	171
123.	.....	4,300.00	to	4,324.99	.....	172
124.	.....	4,325.00	to	4,349.99	.....	173
125.	.....	4,350.00	to	4,374.99	.....	174
126.	.....	4,375.00	to	4,399.99	.....	175
127.	.....	4,400.00	to	4,424.99	.....	176
128.	.....	4,425.00	to	4,449.99	.....	177
129.	.....	4,450.00	to	4,474.99	.....	178
130.	.....	4,475.00	to	4,499.99	.....	179
131.	.....	4,500.00	to	4,524.99	.....	180
132.	.....	4,525.00	to	4,549.99	.....	181
133.	.....	4,550.00	to	4,574.99	.....	182
134.	.....	4,575.00	to	4,599.99	.....	183
135.	.....	4,600.00	to	4,624.99	.....	184
136.	.....	4,625.00	to	4,649.99	.....	185
137.	.....	4,650.00	to	4,674.99	.....	186

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138.	.....	4,675.00	to	4,699.99	.....	187
139.	.....	4,700.00	to	4,724.99	.....	188
140.	.....	4,725.00	to	4,749.99	.....	189
141.	.....	4,750.00	to	4,774.99	.....	190
142.	.....	4,775.00	to	4,799.99	.....	191
143.	.....	4,800.00	to	4,824.99	.....	192
144.	.....	4,825.00	to	4,849.99	.....	193
145.	.....	4,850.00	to	4,874.99	.....	194
146.	.....	4,875.00	to	4,899.99	.....	195
147.	.....	4,900.00	to	4,924.99	.....	196
148.	.....	4,925.00	to	4,949.99	.....	197
149.	.....	4,950.00	to	4,974.99	.....	198
150.	.....	4,975.00	to	4,999.99	.....	199
151.	.....	5,000.00	to	5,024.99	.....	200
152.	.....	5,025.00	to	5,049.99	.....	201
153.	.....	5,050.00	to	5,074.99	.....	202
154.	.....	5,075.00	to	5,099.99	.....	203
155.	.....	5,100.00	to	5,124.99	.....	204
156.	.....	5,125.00	to	5,149.99	.....	205
157.	.....	5,150.00	to	5,174.99	.....	206
158.	.....	5,175.00	to	5,199.99	.....	207
159.	.....	5,200.00	to	5,224.99	.....	208
160.	.....	5,225.00	to	5,249.99	.....	209
161.	.....	5,250.00	to	5,274.99	.....	210

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162.	.....	5,275.00	to	5,299.99	.....	211
163.	.....	5,300.00	to	5,324.99	.....	212
164.	.....	5,325.00	to	5,349.99	.....	213
165.	.....	5,350.00	to	5,374.99	.....	214
166.	.....	5,375.00	to	5,399.99	.....	215
167.	.....	5,400.00	to	5,424.99	.....	216
168.	.....	5,425.00	to	5,449.99	.....	217
169.	.....	5,450.00	to	5,474.99	.....	218
170.	.....	5,475.00	to	5,499.99	.....	219
171.	.....	5,500.00	to	5,524.99	.....	220
172.	.....	5,525.00	to	5,549.99	.....	221
173.	.....	5,550.00	to	5,574.99	.....	222
174.	.....	5,575.00	to	5,599.99	.....	223
175.	.....	5,600.00	to	5,624.99	.....	224
176.	.....	5,625.00	to	5,649.99	.....	225
177.	.....	5,650.00	to	5,674.99	.....	226
178.	.....	5,675.00	to	5,699.99	.....	227
179.	.....	5,700.00	to	5,724.99	.....	228
180.	.....	5,725.00	to	5,749.99	.....	229
181.	.....	5,750.00	to	5,774.99	.....	230
182.	.....	5,775.00	to	5,799.99	.....	231
183.	.....	5,800.00	to	5,824.99	.....	232
184.	.....	5,825.00	to	5,849.99	.....	233
185.	.....	5,850.00	to	5,874.99	.....	234

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186.	.....	5,875.00	to	5,899.99	.....	235
187.	.....	5,900.00	to	5,924.99	.....	236
188.	.....	5,925.00	to	5,949.99	.....	237
189.	.....	5,950.00	to	5,974.99	.....	238
190.	.....	5,975.00	to	5,999.99	.....	239
191.	.....	6,000.00	to	6,024.99	.....	240
192.	.....	6,025.00	to	6,049.99	.....	241
193.	.....	6,050.00	to	6,074.99	.....	242
194.	.....	6,075.00	to	6,099.99	.....	243
195.	.....	6,100.00	to	6,124.99	.....	244
196.	.....	6,125.00	to	6,149.99	.....	245
197.	.....	6,150.00	to	6,174.99	.....	246
198.	.....	6,175.00	to	6,199.99	.....	247
199.	.....	6,200.00	to	6,224.99	.....	248
200.	.....	6,225.00	to	6,249.99	.....	249
201.	.....	6,250.00	to	6,274.99	.....	250
202.	.....	6,275.00	to	6,299.99	.....	251
203.	.....	6,300.00	to	6,324.99	.....	252
204.	.....	6,325.00	to	6,349.99	.....	253
205.	.....	6,350.00	to	6,374.99	.....	254
206.	.....	6,375.00	to	6,399.99	.....	255
207.	.....	6,400.00	to	6,424.99	.....	256
208.	.....	6,425.00	to	6,449.99	.....	257
209.	.....	6,450.00	to	6,474.99	.....	258

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210.	.....	6,475.00	to	6,499.99	.....	259
211.	.....	6,500.00	to	6,524.99	.....	260
212.	.....	6,525.00	to	6,549.99	.....	261
213.	.....	6,550.00	to	6,574.99	.....	262
214.	.....	6,575.00	to	6,599.99	.....	263
215.	.....	6,600.00	to	6,624.99	.....	264
216.	.....	6,625.00	to	6,649.99	.....	265
217.	.....	6,650.00	to	6,674.99	.....	266
218.	.....	6,675.00	to	6,699.99	.....	267
219.	.....	6,700.00	to	6,724.99	.....	268
220.	.....	6,725.00	to	6,749.99	.....	269
221.	.....	6,750.00	to	6,774.99	.....	270
222.	.....	6,775.00	to	6,799.99	.....	271
223.	.....	6,800.00	to	6,824.99	.....	272
224.	.....	6,825.00	to	6,849.99	.....	273
225.	.....	6,850.00	to	6,874.99	.....	274
226.	.....	6,875.00	to	6,899.99	.....	275
227.	.....	6,900.00	to	6,924.99	.....	276
228.	.....	6,925.00	to	6,949.99	.....	277
229.	.....	6,950.00	to	6,974.99	.....	278
230.	.....	6,975.00	to	6,999.99	.....	279
231.	.....	7,000.00	to	7,024.99	.....	280
232.	.....	7,025.00	to	7,049.99	.....	281
233.	.....	7,050.00	to	7,074.99	.....	282

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234.	7,075.00	to	7,099.99	283
235.	7,100.00	to	7,124.99	284
236.	7,125.00	to	7,149.99	285
237.	7,150.00	to	7,174.99	286
238.	7,175.00	to	7,199.99	287
239.	7,200.00	to	7,224.99	288
240.	7,225.00	to	7,249.99	289
241.	7,250.00	to	7,274.99	290
242.	7,275.00	to	7,299.99	291
243.	7,300.00	to	7,324.99	292
244.	7,325.00	to	7,349.99	293
245.	7,350.00	to	7,374.99	294
246.	7,375.00	to	7,399.99	295
247.	7,400.00	to	7,424.99	296
248.	7,425.00	to	7,449.99	297
249.	7,450.00	to	7,474.99	298
250.	7,475.00	to	7,499.99	299
251.	7,500.00	to	7,524.99	300
252.	7,525.00	to	7,549.99	301
253.	7,550.00	to	7,574.99	302
254.	7,575.00	to	7,599.99	303
255.	7,600.00	to	7,624.99	304
256.	7,625.00	to	7,649.99	305
257.	7,650.00	to	7,674.99	306

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258.	.....	7,675.00	to	7,699.99	.....	307
259.	.....	7,700.00	to	7,724.99	.....	308
260.	.....	7,725.00	to	7,749.99	.....	309
261.	.....	7,750.00	to	7,774.99	.....	310
262.	.....	7,775.00	to	7,799.99	.....	311
263.	.....	7,800.00	to	7,824.99	.....	312
264.	.....	7,825.00	to	7,849.99	.....	313
265.	.....	7,850.00	to	7,874.99	.....	314
266.	.....	7,875.00	to	7,899.99	.....	315
267.	.....	7,900.00	to	7,924.99	.....	316
268.	.....	7,925.00	to	7,949.99	.....	317
269.	.....	7,950.00	to	7,974.99	.....	318
270.	.....	7,975.00	to	7,999.99	.....	319
271.	.....	8,000.00	to	8,024.99	.....	320
272.	.....	8,025.00	to	8,049.99	.....	321
273.	.....	8,050.00	to	8,074.99	.....	322
274.	.....	8,075.00	to	8,099.99	.....	323
275.	.....	8,100.00	to	8,124.99	.....	324
276.	.....	8,125.00	to	8,149.99	.....	325
277.	.....	8,150.00	to	8,174.99	.....	326
278.	.....	8,175.00	to	8,199.99	.....	327
279.	.....	8,200.00	to	8,224.99	.....	328
280.	.....	8,225.00	to	8,249.99	.....	329
281.	.....	8,250.00	to	8,274.99	.....	330

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282.	.....	8,275.00	to	8,299.99	.....	331
283.	.....	8,300.00	to	8,324.99	.....	332
284.	.....	8,325.00	to	8,349.99	.....	333
285.	.....	8,350.00	to	8,374.99	.....	334
286.	.....	8,375.00	to	8,399.99	.....	335
287.	.....	8,400.00	to	8,424.99	.....	336
288.	.....	8,425.00	to	8,449.99	.....	337
289.	.....	8,450.00	to	8,474.99	.....	338
290.	.....	8,475.00	to	8,499.99	.....	339
291.	.....	8,500.00	to	8,524.99	.....	340
292.	.....	8,525.00	and over	.....		341

1           (p) Each eligible employee shall be paid benefits for each week of total  
2 unemployment that commences on or after January 7, 2007, at the weekly benefit  
3 rate specified in this paragraph. Unless sub. (1m) applies, the weekly benefit rate  
4 shall equal 4 percent of the employee's base period wages that were paid during that  
5 quarter of the employee's base period in which the employee was paid the highest  
6 total wages, rounded down to the nearest whole dollar, except that, if that amount  
7 is less than the minimum amount shown in the following schedule, no benefits are  
8 payable to the employee and, if that amount is more than the maximum amount  
9 shown in the following schedule, the employee's weekly benefit rate shall be the  
10 maximum amount shown in the following schedule and except that, if the employee's  
11 benefits are exhausted during any week under s. 108.06 (1), the employee shall be

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1 paid the remaining amount of benefits payable to the employee in lieu of the amount  
2 shown in the following schedule: [See Figure 108.05 (1) (p) following]

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4 **Figure 108.05 (1) (p):**

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Line	Highest Quarterly Wages Paid		Weekly Benefit Rate
293. ....	Under	\$1,325.00	\$ 0
294. ....	1,325.00 to	1,349.99	53
295. ....	1,350.00 to	1,374.99	54
296. ....	1,375.00 to	1,399.99	55
297. ....	1,400.00 to	1,424.99	56
298. ....	1,425.00 to	1,449.99	57
299. ....	1,450.00 to	1,474.99	58
300. ....	1,475.00 to	1,499.99	59
301. ....	1,500.00 to	1,524.99	60
302. ....	1,525.00 to	1,549.99	61
303. ....	1,550.00 to	1,574.99	62
304. ....	1,575.00 to	1,599.99	63
305. ....	1,600.00 to	1,624.99	64
306. ....	1,625.00 to	1,649.99	65
307. ....	1,650.00 to	1,674.99	66
308. ....	1,675.00 to	1,699.99	67
309. ....	1,700.00 to	1,724.99	68

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310.	.....	1,725.00	to	1,749.99	.....	69
311.	.....	1,750.00	to	1,774.99	.....	70
312.	.....	1,775.00	to	1,799.99	.....	71
313.	.....	1,800.00	to	1,824.99	.....	72
314.	.....	1,825.00	to	1,849.99	.....	73
315.	.....	1,850.00	to	1,874.99	.....	74
316.	.....	1,875.00	to	1,899.99	.....	75
317.	.....	1,900.00	to	1,924.99	.....	76
318.	.....	1,925.00	to	1,949.99	.....	77
319.	.....	1,950.00	to	1,974.99	.....	78
320.	.....	1,975.00	to	1,999.99	.....	79
321.	.....	2,000.00	to	2,024.99	.....	80
322.	.....	2,025.00	to	2,049.99	.....	81
323.	.....	2,050.00	to	2,074.99	.....	82
324.	.....	2,075.00	to	2,099.99	.....	83
325.	.....	2,100.00	to	2,124.99	.....	84
326.	.....	2,125.00	to	2,149.99	.....	85
327.	.....	2,150.00	to	2,174.99	.....	86
328.	.....	2,175.00	to	2,199.99	.....	87
329.	.....	2,200.00	to	2,224.99	.....	88
330.	.....	2,225.00	to	2,249.99	.....	89
331.	.....	2,250.00	to	2,274.99	.....	90
332.	.....	2,275.00	to	2,299.99	.....	91
333.	.....	2,300.00	to	2,324.99	.....	92

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334.	.....	2,325.00	to	2,349.99	.....	93
335.	.....	2,350.00	to	2,374.99	.....	94
336.	.....	2,375.00	to	2,399.99	.....	95
337.	.....	2,400.00	to	2,424.99	.....	96
338.	.....	2,425.00	to	2,449.99	.....	97
339.	.....	2,450.00	to	2,474.99	.....	98
340.	.....	2,475.00	to	2,499.99	.....	99
341.	.....	2,500.00	to	2,524.99	.....	100
342.	.....	2,525.00	to	2,549.99	.....	101
343.	.....	2,550.00	to	2,574.99	.....	102
344.	.....	2,575.00	to	2,599.99	.....	103
345.	.....	2,600.00	to	2,624.99	.....	104
346.	.....	2,625.00	to	2,649.99	.....	105
347.	.....	2,650.00	to	2,674.99	.....	106
348.	.....	2,675.00	to	2,699.99	.....	107
349.	.....	2,700.00	to	2,724.99	.....	108
350.	.....	2,725.00	to	2,749.99	.....	109
351.	.....	2,750.00	to	2,774.99	.....	110
352.	.....	2,775.00	to	2,799.99	.....	111
353.	.....	2,800.00	to	2,824.99	.....	112
354.	.....	2,825.00	to	2,849.99	.....	113
355.	.....	2,850.00	to	2,874.99	.....	114
356.	.....	2,875.00	to	2,899.99	.....	115
357.	.....	2,900.00	to	2,924.99	.....	116

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358.	.....	2,925.00	to	2,949.99	.....	117
359.	.....	2,950.00	to	2,974.99	.....	118
360.	.....	2,975.00	to	2,999.99	.....	119
361.	.....	3,000.00	to	3,024.99	.....	120
362.	.....	3,025.00	to	3,049.99	.....	121
363.	.....	3,050.00	to	3,074.99	.....	122
364.	.....	3,075.00	to	3,099.99	.....	123
365.	.....	3,100.00	to	3,124.99	.....	124
366.	.....	3,125.00	to	3,149.99	.....	125
367.	.....	3,150.00	to	3,174.99	.....	126
368.	.....	3,175.00	to	3,199.99	.....	127
369.	.....	3,200.00	to	3,224.99	.....	128
370.	.....	3,225.00	to	3,249.99	.....	129
371.	.....	3,250.00	to	3,274.99	.....	130
372.	.....	3,275.00	to	3,299.99	.....	131
373.	.....	3,300.00	to	3,324.99	.....	132
374.	.....	3,325.00	to	3,349.99	.....	133
375.	.....	3,350.00	to	3,374.99	.....	134
376.	.....	3,375.00	to	3,399.99	.....	135
377.	.....	3,400.00	to	3,424.99	.....	136
378.	.....	3,425.00	to	3,449.99	.....	137
379.	.....	3,450.00	to	3,474.99	.....	138
380.	.....	3,475.00	to	3,499.99	.....	139
381.	.....	3,500.00	to	3,524.99	.....	140

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382.	.....	3,525.00	to	3,549.99	.....	141
383.	.....	3,550.00	to	3,574.99	.....	142
384.	.....	3,575.00	to	3,599.99	.....	143
385.	.....	3,600.00	to	3,624.99	.....	144
386.	.....	3,625.00	to	3,649.99	.....	145
387.	.....	3,650.00	to	3,674.99	.....	146
388.	.....	3,675.00	to	3,699.99	.....	147
389.	.....	3,700.00	to	3,724.99	.....	148
390.	.....	3,725.00	to	3,749.99	.....	149
391.	.....	3,750.00	to	3,774.99	.....	150
392.	.....	3,775.00	to	3,799.99	.....	151
393.	.....	3,800.00	to	3,824.99	.....	152
394.	.....	3,825.00	to	3,849.99	.....	153
395.	.....	3,850.00	to	3,874.99	.....	154
396.	.....	3,875.00	to	3,899.99	.....	155
397.	.....	3,900.00	to	3,924.99	.....	156
398.	.....	3,925.00	to	3,949.99	.....	157
399.	.....	3,950.00	to	3,974.99	.....	158
400.	.....	3,975.00	to	3,999.99	.....	159
401.	.....	4,000.00	to	4,024.99	.....	160
402.	.....	4,025.00	to	4,049.99	.....	161
403.	.....	4,050.00	to	4,074.99	.....	162
404.	.....	4,075.00	to	4,099.99	.....	163
405.	.....	4,100.00	to	4,124.99	.....	164

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406.	4,125.00	to	4,149.99	165
407.	4,150.00	to	4,174.99	166
408.	4,175.00	to	4,199.99	167
409.	4,200.00	to	4,224.99	168
410.	4,225.00	to	4,249.99	169
411.	4,250.00	to	4,274.99	170
412.	4,275.00	to	4,299.99	171
413.	4,300.00	to	4,324.99	172
414.	4,325.00	to	4,349.99	173
415.	4,350.00	to	4,374.99	174
416.	4,375.00	to	4,399.99	175
417.	4,400.00	to	4,424.99	176
418.	4,425.00	to	4,449.99	177
419.	4,450.00	to	4,474.99	178
420.	4,475.00	to	4,499.99	179
421.	4,500.00	to	4,524.99	180
422.	4,525.00	to	4,549.99	181
423.	4,550.00	to	4,574.99	182
424.	4,575.00	to	4,599.99	183
425.	4,600.00	to	4,624.99	184
426.	4,625.00	to	4,649.99	185
427.	4,650.00	to	4,674.99	186
428.	4,675.00	to	4,699.99	187
429.	4,700.00	to	4,724.99	188

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430.	.....	4,725.00	to	4,749.99	.....	189
431.	.....	4,750.00	to	4,774.99	.....	190
432.	.....	4,775.00	to	4,799.99	.....	191
433.	.....	4,800.00	to	4,824.99	.....	192
434.	.....	4,825.00	to	4,849.99	.....	193
435.	.....	4,850.00	to	4,874.99	.....	194
436.	.....	4,875.00	to	4,899.99	.....	195
437.	.....	4,900.00	to	4,924.99	.....	196
438.	.....	4,925.00	to	4,949.99	.....	197
439.	.....	4,950.00	to	4,974.99	.....	198
440.	.....	4,975.00	to	4,999.99	.....	199
441.	.....	5,000.00	to	5,024.99	.....	200
442.	.....	5,025.00	to	5,049.99	.....	201
443.	.....	5,050.00	to	5,074.99	.....	202
444.	.....	5,075.00	to	5,099.99	.....	203
445.	.....	5,100.00	to	5,124.99	.....	204
446.	.....	5,125.00	to	5,149.99	.....	205
447.	.....	5,150.00	to	5,174.99	.....	206
448.	.....	5,175.00	to	5,199.99	.....	207
449.	.....	5,200.00	to	5,224.99	.....	208
450.	.....	5,225.00	to	5,249.99	.....	209
451.	.....	5,250.00	to	5,274.99	.....	210
452.	.....	5,275.00	to	5,299.99	.....	211
453.	.....	5,300.00	to	5,324.99	.....	212

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454.	.....	5,325.00	to	5,349.99	.....	213
455.	.....	5,350.00	to	5,374.99	.....	214
456.	.....	5,375.00	to	5,399.99	.....	215
457.	.....	5,400.00	to	5,424.99	.....	216
458.	.....	5,425.00	to	5,449.99	.....	217
459.	.....	5,450.00	to	5,474.99	.....	218
460.	.....	5,475.00	to	5,499.99	.....	219
461.	.....	5,500.00	to	5,524.99	.....	220
462.	.....	5,525.00	to	5,549.99	.....	221
463.	.....	5,550.00	to	5,574.99	.....	222
464.	.....	5,575.00	to	5,599.99	.....	223
465.	.....	5,600.00	to	5,624.99	.....	224
466.	.....	5,625.00	to	5,649.99	.....	225
467.	.....	5,650.00	to	5,674.99	.....	226
468.	.....	5,675.00	to	5,699.99	.....	227
469.	.....	5,700.00	to	5,724.99	.....	228
470.	.....	5,725.00	to	5,749.99	.....	229
471.	.....	5,750.00	to	5,774.99	.....	230
472.	.....	5,775.00	to	5,799.99	.....	231
473.	.....	5,800.00	to	5,824.99	.....	232
474.	.....	5,825.00	to	5,849.99	.....	233
475.	.....	5,850.00	to	5,874.99	.....	234
476.	.....	5,875.00	to	5,899.99	.....	235
477.	.....	5,900.00	to	5,924.99	.....	236

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478.	.....	5,925.00	to	5,949.99	.....	237
479.	.....	5,950.00	to	5,974.99	.....	238
480.	.....	5,975.00	to	5,999.99	.....	239
481.	.....	6,000.00	to	6,024.99	.....	240
482.	.....	6,025.00	to	6,049.99	.....	241
483.	.....	6,050.00	to	6,074.99	.....	242
484.	.....	6,075.00	to	6,099.99	.....	243
485.	.....	6,100.00	to	6,124.99	.....	244
486.	.....	6,125.00	to	6,149.99	.....	245
487.	.....	6,150.00	to	6,174.99	.....	246
488.	.....	6,175.00	to	6,199.99	.....	247
489.	.....	6,200.00	to	6,224.99	.....	248
490.	.....	6,225.00	to	6,249.99	.....	249
491.	.....	6,250.00	to	6,274.99	.....	250
492.	.....	6,275.00	to	6,299.99	.....	251
493.	.....	6,300.00	to	6,324.99	.....	252
494.	.....	6,325.00	to	6,349.99	.....	253
495.	.....	6,350.00	to	6,374.99	.....	254
496.	.....	6,375.00	to	6,399.99	.....	255
497.	.....	6,400.00	to	6,424.99	.....	256
498.	.....	6,425.00	to	6,449.99	.....	257
499.	.....	6,450.00	to	6,474.99	.....	258
500.	.....	6,475.00	to	6,499.99	.....	259
501.	.....	6,500.00	to	6,524.99	.....	260

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502.	6,525.00	to	6,549.99	261
503.	6,550.00	to	6,574.99	262
504.	6,575.00	to	6,599.99	263
505.	6,600.00	to	6,624.99	264
506.	6,625.00	to	6,649.99	265
507.	6,650.00	to	6,674.99	266
508.	6,675.00	to	6,699.99	267
509.	6,700.00	to	6,724.99	268
510.	6,725.00	to	6,749.99	269
511.	6,750.00	to	6,774.99	270
512.	6,775.00	to	6,799.99	271
513.	6,800.00	to	6,824.99	272
514.	6,825.00	to	6,849.99	273
515.	6,850.00	to	6,874.99	274
516.	6,875.00	to	6,899.99	275
517.	6,900.00	to	6,924.99	276
518.	6,925.00	to	6,949.99	277
519.	6,950.00	to	6,974.99	278
520.	6,975.00	to	6,999.99	279
521.	7,000.00	to	7,024.99	280
522.	7,025.00	to	7,049.99	281
523.	7,050.00	to	7,074.99	282
524.	7,075.00	to	7,099.99	283
525.	7,100.00	to	7,124.99	284

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526.	.....	7,125.00	to	7,149.99	.....	285
527.	.....	7,150.00	to	7,174.99	.....	286
528.	.....	7,175.00	to	7,199.99	.....	287
529.	.....	7,200.00	to	7,224.99	.....	288
530.	.....	7,225.00	to	7,249.99	.....	289
531.	.....	7,250.00	to	7,274.99	.....	290
532.	.....	7,275.00	to	7,299.99	.....	291
533.	.....	7,300.00	to	7,324.99	.....	292
534.	.....	7,325.00	to	7,349.99	.....	293
535.	.....	7,350.00	to	7,374.99	.....	294
536.	.....	7,375.00	to	7,399.99	.....	295
537.	.....	7,400.00	to	7,424.99	.....	296
538.	.....	7,425.00	to	7,449.99	.....	297
539.	.....	7,450.00	to	7,474.99	.....	298
540.	.....	7,475.00	to	7,499.99	.....	299
541.	.....	7,500.00	to	7,524.99	.....	300
542.	.....	7,525.00	to	7,549.99	.....	301
543.	.....	7,550.00	to	7,574.99	.....	302
544.	.....	7,575.00	to	7,599.99	.....	303
545.	.....	7,600.00	to	7,624.99	.....	304
546.	.....	7,625.00	to	7,649.99	.....	305
547.	.....	7,650.00	to	7,674.99	.....	306
548.	.....	7,675.00	to	7,699.99	.....	307
549.	.....	7,700.00	to	7,724.99	.....	308

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550.	7,725.00	to	7,749.99	309
551.	7,750.00	to	7,774.99	310
552.	7,775.00	to	7,799.99	311
553.	7,800.00	to	7,824.99	312
554.	7,825.00	to	7,849.99	313
555.	7,850.00	to	7,874.99	314
556.	7,875.00	to	7,899.99	315
557.	7,900.00	to	7,924.99	316
558.	7,925.00	to	7,949.99	317
559.	7,950.00	to	7,974.99	318
560.	7,975.00	to	7,999.99	319
561.	8,000.00	to	8,024.99	320
562.	8,025.00	to	8,049.99	321
563.	8,050.00	to	8,074.99	322
564.	8,075.00	to	8,099.99	323
565.	8,100.00	to	8,124.99	324
566.	8,125.00	to	8,149.99	325
567.	8,150.00	to	8,174.99	326
568.	8,175.00	to	8,199.99	327
569.	8,200.00	to	8,224.99	328
570.	8,225.00	to	8,249.99	329
571.	8,250.00	to	8,274.99	330
572.	8,275.00	to	8,299.99	331
573.	8,300.00	to	8,324.99	332

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574.	8,325.00	to	8,349.99	333
575.	8,350.00	to	8,374.99	334
576.	8,375.00	to	8,399.99	335
577.	8,400.00	to	8,424.99	336
578.	8,425.00	to	8,449.99	337
579.	8,450.00	to	8,474.99	338
580.	8,475.00	to	8,499.99	339
581.	8,500.00	to	8,524.99	340
582.	8,525.00	to	8,549.99	341
583.	8,550.00	to	8,574.99	342
584.	8,575.00	to	8,599.99	343
585.	8,600.00	to	8,624.99	344
586.	8,625.00	to	8,649.99	345
587.	8,650.00	to	8,674.99	346
588.	8,675.00	to	8,699.99	347
589.	8,700.00	to	8,724.99	348
590.	8,725.00	to	8,749.99	349
591.	8,750.00	to	8,774.99	350
592.	8,775.00	to	8,799.99	351
593.	8,800.00	to	8,824.99	352
594.	8,825.00	to	8,849.99	353
595.	8,850.00	to	8,874.99	354
596.	8,875.00	and over		355

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1           108.05 (3) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and (c), if an eligible employee  
2 earns wages in a given week, the first \$30 of the wages shall be disregarded and the  
3 employee's applicable weekly benefit payment shall be reduced by 67% of the  
4 remaining amount, except that no such employee is eligible for benefits if the  
5 employee's benefit payment would be less than \$5 for any week. For purposes of this  
6 paragraph, "wages" includes any salary reduction amounts earned that are not  
7 wages and that are deducted from the salary of a claimant by an employer pursuant  
8 to a salary reduction agreement under a cafeteria plan, within the meaning of 26  
9 USC 125, and any amount that a claimant would have earned in available work  
10 which is treated as wages under s. 108.04 (1) (a), ~~but excludes any amount that a~~  
11 ~~claimant earns for services performed as a volunteer fire fighter, volunteer~~  
12 ~~emergency medical technician or volunteer first responder.~~ In applying this  
13 paragraph, the department shall disregard discrepancies of less than \$2 between  
14 wages reported by employees and employers.

15           **SECTION 32.** 108.05 (10) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           108.05 (10) (b) Second, to recover overpayments under s. 108.22 (8) (b) 1.

17           **SECTION 33.** 108.068 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

18           108.068 (2) The department shall treat a limited liability company that files  
19 proof under sub. (1) as a corporation under this chapter beginning on the same date  
20 that the federal internal revenue service treats the company as a corporation for  
21 federal tax purposes, except that for benefit purposes the treatment shall apply ~~on~~  
22 ~~the same date that the internal revenue service applies the treatment or the date~~  
23 ~~that proof is filed with the department, whichever is later~~ to benefit years in  
24 existence on or beginning on or after the date that the federal internal revenue  
25 service treats the company as a corporation for federal tax purposes if the benefit

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1 year to which the treatment is to be applied has not ended on the date that the  
2 department first has notice of a benefit eligibility issue that relates to treatment of  
3 that limited liability company.

4 **SECTION 34.** 108.068 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 108.068 (8) The department shall treat a limited liability company that files  
6 proof under sub. (7) as a partnership or sole proprietorship under this chapter  
7 beginning on the same date that the federal internal revenue service treats the  
8 company as a partnership or sole proprietorship for federal tax purposes, except that  
9 for benefit purposes the treatment shall apply ~~on the same date that the internal~~  
10 ~~revenue service applies the treatment or the date that proof is filed with the~~  
11 ~~department, whichever is later~~ to benefit years in existence or beginning on or after  
12 the date that the federal internal revenue service treats the company as a  
13 partnership or sole proprietorship for federal tax purposes if the benefit year to  
14 which the treatment is applied has not ended on the date that the department first  
15 has notice of a benefit eligibility issue that relates to treatment of that liability  
16 company.

17 **SECTION 35.** 108.09 (2) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 108.09 (2) (bm) In determining whether an individual meets the conditions  
19 specified in s. 108.02 (12) (b) 2. a. or b. ~~or~~, (bm) ~~1. or 2. 3. or 4., or (c) 1.~~, the department  
20 shall not consider documents granting operating authority or licenses, or any state  
21 or federal laws or federal regulations granting such authority or licenses.

22 **SECTION 36.** 108.09 (4n) of the statutes is created to read:

23 108.09 (4n) EMPLOYMENT DATA SYSTEM REPORTS. If the department maintains  
24 a database system consisting of occupational information and employment  
25 conditions data, and an employee of the department, including an individual who

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1 serves as an appeal tribunal, creates a report from the system, the report constitutes  
2 prima facie evidence as to the matters contained in the report in any proceeding  
3 under this section if:

4 (a) The department has provided to the parties an explanation of the system  
5 and the reports created from the system prior to admission of the report.

6 (b) The parties have been given the opportunity to review and object to the  
7 report, including the accuracy of any information used in creating the report, prior  
8 to its admission into evidence.

9 (c) The report sets forth all of the information used in creating the report.

10 **SECTION 37.** 108.09 (4s) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 108.09 (4s) EMPLOYEE STATUS. In determining whether an individual meets the  
12 conditions specified in s. 108.02 (12) (b) 2. a. or b. ~~or~~ (bm) ~~1. or 2. 3. or 4., or (c) 1.,~~ the  
13 appeal tribunal shall not take administrative notice of or admit into evidence  
14 documents granting operating authority or licenses, or any state or federal laws or  
15 federal regulations granting such authority or licenses.

16 **SECTION 38.** 108.105 of the statutes is renumbered 108.105 (1) and amended  
17 to read:

18 108.105 (1) The department may suspend the privilege of any agent to appear  
19 before the department at hearings under this chapter for a specified period if the  
20 department finds that the agent has engaged in an act of fraud or misrepresentation  
21 ~~or~~ has repeatedly failed to comply with departmental rules, or has engaged in the  
22 solicitation of a claimant solely for the purpose of appearing at a hearing as the  
23 claimant's representative for pay.

24 **(3)** Prior to imposing a suspension under this section, the secretary of  
25 workforce development or the secretary's designee shall conduct a hearing

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1 concerning the proposed suspension. The hearing shall be conducted under ch. 227  
2 and the decision of the department may be appealed under s. 227.52.

3 **SECTION 39.** 108.105 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

4 108.105 (2) The department may suspend the privilege of an agent to act as an  
5 employer's representative under this chapter for up to one year if, during any  
6 12-month period, in 5 percent or more of all appeal tribunal hearings held in which  
7 employers represented by the agent are appellants there is a final appeal tribunal  
8 decision finding that the employer represented by the agent failed to provide correct  
9 and complete information requested by the department during a fact-finding  
10 investigation and there is no finding that the employer had good cause for that  
11 failure.

12 **SECTION 40.** 108.151 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 108.151 (4) (b) The fund's treasurer shall issue a receipt to the employer for its  
14 deposit of assurance. Any assurances shall be retained by the fund's treasurer in  
15 escrow, for the fund, until the employer's liability under its election is terminated,  
16 at which time they shall be returned to the employer, less any deductions made under  
17 this paragraph. The employer may at any time substitute assurances of equal or  
18 greater value. The treasurer may, with 10 days' notice to the employer, liquidate the  
19 assurances deposited to the extent necessary to satisfy any delinquent  
20 reimbursements or assessments due under this section together with any interest  
21 and any tardy filing fees due. The treasurer shall hold in escrow any cash remaining  
22 from the sale of the assurances, without interest. The fund's treasurer shall require  
23 the employer within 30 days following any liquidation of deposited assurances to  
24 deposit sufficient additional assurances to make whole the employer's deposit at the

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1 prior level. Any income from assurances held in escrow shall inure to and be the  
2 property of the employer.

3 **SECTION 41.** 108.151 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

4 108.151 (7) UNCOLLECTIBLE REIMBURSEMENTS. (a) In this subsection, "payroll"  
5 has the meaning given in s. 108.02 (21) (a).

6 (b) Except as provided in par. (f), each employer that has elected  
7 reimbursement financing under this section and that is subject to this chapter as of  
8 the date that a rate of assessment is established under this subsection shall pay an  
9 assessment to the fund at a rate *determined by the fund's treasurer* established by the department under par. (c).

10 (c) The fund's treasurer shall determine the total amount due from employers  
11 electing reimbursement financing under this section that is uncollectible as of June  
12 30 of each year, but not including any amount that the department determined to be  
13 uncollectible prior to January 1, 2004. No amount may be treated as uncollectible  
14 under this paragraph unless the department has exhausted all reasonable remedies  
15 for collection of the amount, including liquidation of the assurance required under  
16 sub. (4). The department shall charge the total amounts so determined to the  
17 uncollectible reimbursable benefits account under s. 108.16 (6w). Whenever, as of  
18 June 30 of any year, this account has a negative balance of \$5,000 or more, the  
19 treasurer shall determine the rate of an assessment to be levied under par. (b) for that  
20 year, which shall then become payable by all employers that have elected  
21 reimbursement financing under this section as of that date.

22 (d) The rate of assessment under this subsection for each calendar year shall  
23 be a rate, when applied to the payrolls of all employers electing reimbursement  
24 financing under this section for the preceding calendar year, that will generate an

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1 amount that equals the total amount determined to be uncollectible under par. (c),  
2 but not more than \$200,000 for any year.

3 (e) Except as provided in par. (f), the rate of each employer's assessment under  
4 this subsection for any calendar year is the product of the rate determined under par.  
5 (d) multiplied by the employer's payroll for the preceding calendar year, as reported  
6 by the employer under s. 108.205 (1) or, in the absence of reports, as estimated by the  
7 department.

8 (f) If any employer would otherwise be assessed an amount less than \$10 for  
9 a calendar year, the department shall, in lieu of requiring that employer to pay an  
10 assessment for that calendar year, apply the amount that the employer would have  
11 been required to pay to the other employers on a pro rata basis.

12 (g) The department shall bill assessments to employers under this subsection  
13 in the same manner as provided in sub. (5) (f) for the month of September in each  
14 year, and the assessment is due for payment in the same manner as other payments  
15 under sub. (5) (f). If any assessment is past due, the department shall assess interest  
16 on the balance due under s. 108.22. If any employer is delinquent in paying an  
17 assessment under this subsection, the department may terminate the employer's  
18 election of reimbursement financing under this section as of the close of any calendar  
19 year in which the employer remains delinquent.

20 (h) If the payroll of an employer is adjusted to decrease the amount of the  
21 payroll after a contribution report for the employer is filed under s. 108.17 (2), the  
22 department shall refund any assessment that is overpaid by the employer under this  
23 subsection as a result of the adjustment.

24 **SECTION 42.** 108.16 (6m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.16 **(6m)** (a) The benefits thus chargeable under s. 108.04 (1) (f), (5), (5g),  
2 (7) (h), (8) (a), (13) (c) or (d) or (16) (e), 108.07 (3), (3r), (5) (b), (5m), (6), or (8), 108.14  
3 (8n) (e), 108.141, 108.151, or 108.152 or sub. (6) (e) or (7) (a) and (b).

4           **SECTION 43.** 108.16 (6w) and (6x) of the statutes are created to read:

5           108.16 **(6w)** The department shall maintain within the fund an uncollectible  
6 reimbursable benefits account to which the department shall credit all amounts  
7 received from employers under s. 108.151 (7).

8           **(6x)** The department shall charge to the uncollectible reimbursable benefits  
9 account the amount of any benefits paid from the balancing account that are  
10 reimbursable under s. 108.151 but for which the department does not receive  
11 reimbursement after the department exhausts all reasonable remedies for collection  
12 of the amount.

13           **SECTION 44.** 108.16 (8) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

14           108.16 **(8)** (e) 1. At the time of business transfer, the transferor and the  
15 transferee are owned, managed, or controlled in whole or in substantial part, either  
16 directly or indirectly by legally enforceable means or otherwise, by the same interest  
17 or interests. Without limitation by reason of enumeration, it is presumed unless  
18 shown to the contrary that the “same interest or interests” includes the spouse, child,  
19 or parent of the individual who owned, managed or controlled the business, or any  
20 combination of more than one of them.

21           **SECTION 45.** 108.16 (8) (em) of the statutes is created to read:

22           108.16 **(8)** (em) If, after the transferee of a business has been deemed a  
23 successor under par. (e), the department determines that a substantial purpose of the  
24 transfer of the business was to obtain a reduced contribution rate, then the  
25 department shall treat the transfer as having no effect for purposes of this chapter

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1 and shall, retroactively to the date of the transfer, reassign to the transferor all  
2 aspects of the transferor's account experience and liability that had been assigned  
3 to the transferee, together with all aspects of the transferee's account experience  
4 related to the transferred business, and shall recompute the transferor's  
5 contribution rate as provided in par. (h).

6 **SECTION 46.** 108.16 (8) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 108.16 (8) (h) The department shall determine or redetermine the contribution  
8 rate for a successor subject to this chapter immediately prior to the date of the  
9 transfer shall be redetermined, as of the applicable computation date, to apply to the  
10 calendar year following the date of transfer and the successor effective as of the  
11 beginning of the first quarter following the date of the transfer of the business. The  
12 department shall thereafter be redetermined redetermine the contribution rate  
13 whenever required by s. 108.18. For the purposes of s. 108.18, the department shall  
14 determine the experience under this chapter of the successor's account by allocating  
15 to the successor's account for each period in question the respective proportions of  
16 the transferor's payroll and benefits which the department determines to be properly  
17 assignable to the business transferred.

18 **SECTION 47.** 108.16 (8) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

19 108.16 (8) (im) Notwithstanding pars. (b) to (i), a transferee who is not subject  
20 to this chapter on the date of transfer of a business shall not be deemed a successor  
21 to the transferor if the department determines that the transfer occurred solely or  
22 primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower contribution rate for the transferee  
23 than the rate that would otherwise apply if the transferee were deemed a new  
24 employer. In determining whether a business was transferred solely or primarily for  
25 the purpose of obtaining a lower contribution rate for the transferee than the rate

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1 that would otherwise apply, the department shall use objective factors, which may  
2 include the cost of acquiring the business, whether the transferee continued the  
3 business enterprise of the transferred business, the length of time that the business  
4 enterprise was continued, or whether a substantial number of new employees were  
5 hired for the performance of duties unrelated to the business activity conducted by  
6 the transferor prior to the transfer.

7 **SECTION 48.** 108.16 (8) (m) to (o) of the statutes are created to read:

8 108.16 (8) (m) If any person knowingly makes or attempts to make a false  
9 statement or representation to the department in connection with any investigation  
10 to determine whether an employer qualifies to be deemed a successor under par. (e)  
11 or (im) or any other provision of this chapter for the purpose of determining the  
12 assignment of a contribution rate, or if any person knowingly advises another person  
13 to do so, including by willful evasion, nondisclosure, or misrepresentation, the person  
14 is subject to the following penalties:

15 1. If the person is an employer, then the department shall assign the employer  
16 the highest contribution rate assignable under this chapter for the year, during  
17 which the violation or attempted violation occurs and the 3 succeeding years, except  
18 that if the department assigns the employer the highest contribution rate for any  
19 such year under other provisions of this chapter or if the increase in the employer's  
20 contribution rate under this subdivision would be less than 2 percent on its payroll  
21 for any year, then the department shall increase the employer's contribution rate by  
22 2 percent on its payroll for each year in which a penalty applies under this  
23 subdivision.

24 2. If the person is not an employer, the person may be required to forfeit not  
25 more than \$5,000.

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1           3. The person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

2           (n) The department shall utilize uniform procedures to identify businesses that  
3 are transferred under this subsection.

4           (o) Paragraphs (e) 1., (em), (h), (im), and (m) shall be interpreted and applied,  
5 insofar as possible, to meet the minimum requirements of any guidance issued by or  
6 regulations promulgated by the U.S. department of labor.

7           **SECTION 49.** 108.17 (2b) of the statutes is created to read:

8           108.17 (2b) The department shall prescribe a form and methodology for filing  
9 contribution reports under sub. (2) electronically using the Internet. Each employer  
10 of 50 or more employees, as determined under s. 108.22 (1) (ae), that does not use an  
11 employer agent to file its contribution reports under this section shall file its  
12 contribution reports electronically using the Internet on the form prescribed by the  
13 department. Once an employer becomes subject to the reporting requirements under  
14 this subsection, it shall continue to file its reports under this subsection unless that  
15 requirement is waived by the department.

16           **SECTION 50.** 108.17 (2g) of the statutes is amended to read:

17           108.17 (2g) An employer agent that prepares reports under sub. (2) on behalf  
18 of less than 25 employers shall file those reports electronically using the Internet on  
19 the form prescribed by the department under sub. (2b). An employer agent that files  
20 prepares reports under sub. (2) on behalf of 25 or more employers shall file those  
21 reports using an electronic medium and format approved by the department. An  
22 employer agent that becomes subject to the reporting requirement under this  
23 subsection shall file its initial reports under this subsection for the 4th quarter  
24 beginning after the quarter in which the employer agent becomes subject to the  
25 reporting requirement. Once an employer agent becomes subject to the reporting

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1 requirement under this subsection, the employer agent shall continue to file its  
2 reports under this subsection unless that requirement is waived by the department.

3 **SECTION 51.** 108.18 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 108.18 (1) (a) ~~Each~~ Unless a penalty applies under s. 108.16 (8) (m), each  
5 employer shall pay contributions to the fund for each calendar year at whatever rate  
6 on the employer's payroll for that year duly applies to the employer pursuant to this  
7 section.

8 **SECTION 52.** 108.18 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 108.18 (2) (d) No later than 90 days after the department issues an initial  
10 determination that a person is an employer, any employer other than an employer  
11 specified in par. (c), having a payroll exceeding \$10,000,000 in a calendar year may  
12 elect that its contribution rate shall be one percent on its payroll for the first 3  
13 calendar years with respect to which contributions are credited to its account. In  
14 such case, the department shall credit the amount collected in excess of this amount  
15 against liability of the employer for future contributions after the close of each  
16 calendar year in which an election applies. If an employer qualifies for and makes  
17 an election under this paragraph, the employer shall, upon notification by the  
18 department, make a special contribution after the close of each quarter equivalent  
19 to the amount by which its account is overdrawn, if any, for the preceding quarter.  
20 The department shall credit any timely payment of contributions to the employer's  
21 account before making a determination of liability for a special contribution under  
22 this paragraph. An employer does not qualify for an alternate contribution rate  
23 under this paragraph at any time during which the employer's special contribution  
24 payment is delinquent. An employer that is the transferee of a business enterprise

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1 but does not qualify to be treated as a successor under s. 108.16 (8) (im) does not  
2 qualify for an alternate contribution rate under this paragraph.

3 **SECTION 53.** 108.20 (2m) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 108.20 (2m) From the moneys not appropriated under s. 20.445 (1) (ge), (gf)  
5 and, (gg), and (gi) which are received by the administrative account as interest and  
6 penalties under this chapter, the department shall pay the benefits chargeable to the  
7 administrative account under s. 108.07 (5) and the interest payable to employers  
8 under s. 108.17 (3m) and may pay interest due on advances to the unemployment  
9 reserve fund from the federal unemployment account under title XII of the social  
10 security act, 42 USC 1321 to 1324, may make payments to satisfy a federal audit  
11 exception concerning a payment from the fund or any federal aid disallowance  
12 involving the unemployment insurance program, or may make payments to the fund  
13 if such action is necessary to obtain a lower interest rate or deferral of interest  
14 payments on advances from the federal unemployment account under title XII of the  
15 social security act, except that any interest earned pending disbursement of federal  
16 employment security grants under s. 20.445 (1) (n) shall be credited to the general  
17 fund. Any moneys reverting to the administrative account from the appropriations  
18 under s. 20.445 (1) (ge) and (gf) shall be utilized as provided in this subsection.

19 **SECTION 54.** 108.205 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

20 108.205 (1m) (a) The department shall prescribe a form and methodology for  
21 filing reports under sub. (1) electronically using the Internet.

22 (b) Each employer agent shall file its reports electronically in the form  
23 prescribed by the department.

24 **SECTION 55.** 108.205 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.205 (2) All employers of 100 50 or more employees, as determined under  
2 s. 108.22 (1) (ae), shall file the quarterly report under sub. (1) using an electronic  
3 medium approved by the department for such employers. An employer that becomes  
4 subject to the reporting requirement under this subsection shall file its initial report  
5 under this subsection for the 4th quarter beginning after the quarter in which the  
6 employer becomes subject to the reporting requirement. Once an employer becomes  
7 subject to the reporting requirement under this subsection, the employer shall  
8 continue to file its quarterly reports under this subsection unless that requirement  
9 is waived by the department.

10           **SECTION 56.** 108.22 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           108.22 (1) (ac) In addition to any fee assessed under par. (a), the department  
12 may assess an employer or employer agent that is subject to the reporting  
13 requirement under s. 108.205 (2) and that fails to file its report in a format prescribed  
14 under that subsection ~~may be assessed a penalty of \$10 for each employee whose~~  
15 information is not reported in a format prescribed under s. 108.205 (2).

16           **SECTION 57.** 108.22 (1) (ad) of the statutes is renumbered 108.22 (1) (ad) 1.

17           **SECTION 58.** 108.22 (1) (ad) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

18           108.22 (1) (ad) 2. An employer that is subject to the reporting requirements  
19 under s. 108.17 (2b) and that fails to file a contribution report in accordance with s.  
20 108.17 (2b) may be assessed a penalty by the department in the amount of \$25 for  
21 each report that is not filed in accordance with s. 108.17 (2b).

22           **SECTION 59.** 108.22 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

23           108.22 (1) (b) If the due date of a report or payment under s. 108.15 (5) (b),  
24 108.151 (5) (f) or (7), 108.16 (8), 108.17, or 108.205 would otherwise be a Saturday,

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1 Sunday, or legal holiday under state or federal law, the due date is the next following  
2 day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday under state or federal law.

3 **SECTION 60.** 108.22 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 108.22 (1) (c) Any report or payment, except a payment required by s. 108.15  
5 (5) (b) or 108.151 (5) (f) or (7), to which this subsection applies is delinquent, within  
6 the meaning of par. (a), unless it is received by the department, in the form prescribed  
7 by law or rule of the department, no later than its due date as determined under par.  
8 (b), or if mailed is either postmarked no later than that due date or is received by the  
9 department no later than 3 days after that due date. Any payment required by s.  
10 108.15 (5) (b) or 108.151 (5) (f) or (7) is delinquent, within the meaning of par. (a),  
11 unless it is received by the department, in the form prescribed by law, no later than  
12 the last day of the month in which it is due.

13 **SECTION 61.** 108.22 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 108.22 (1m) If an employer owes any contributions, reimbursements or  
15 assessments under s. 108.15 or 108.151, interest, fees, or payments for forfeitures or  
16 other penalties to the department under this chapter and fails to pay the amount  
17 owed, the department has a perfected lien upon the employer's right, title, and  
18 interest in all of its real and personal property located in this state in the amount  
19 finally determined to be owed, plus costs. Except where creation of a lien is barred  
20 or stayed by bankruptcy or other insolvency law, the lien is effective when the  
21 department issues a determination of the amount owed under s. 108.10 (1) and shall  
22 continue until the amount owed, plus costs and interest to the date of payment, is  
23 paid. If a lien is initially barred or stayed by bankruptcy or other insolvency law, it  
24 shall become effective immediately upon expiration or removal of such bar or stay.  
25 The perfected lien does not give the department priority over lienholders,

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1 mortgagees, purchasers for value, judgment creditors, and pledges whose interests  
2 have been recorded before the department's lien is recorded.

3 **SECTION 62.** 108.22 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 108.22 (2) (a) 1. If any employing unit or any individual who is found personally  
5 liable under sub. (9) fails to pay to the department any amount found to be due it in  
6 proceedings pursuant to s. 108.10, provided that no appeal or review permitted  
7 under s. 108.10 is pending and that the time for taking an appeal or review has  
8 expired, the department or any authorized representative may issue a warrant  
9 directed to the clerk of circuit court for any county of the state.

10 2. The clerk of circuit court shall enter in the judgment and lien docket the  
11 name of the employing unit or individual mentioned in the warrant and the amount  
12 of the contributions, interest, costs and other fees for which the warrant is issued and  
13 the date when such copy is entered.

14 3. A warrant entered under subd. 2. shall be considered in all respects as a final  
15 judgment constituting a perfected lien upon the employing unit's or individual's  
16 right, title and interest in all real and personal property located in the county where  
17 the warrant is entered.

18 4. The department or any authorized representative may thereafter file an  
19 execution with the clerk of circuit court for filing by the clerk of circuit court with the  
20 sheriff of any county where real or personal property of the employing unit or  
21 individual is found, commanding the sheriff to levy upon and sell sufficient real and  
22 personal property of the employing unit or individual to pay the amount stated in the  
23 warrant in the same manner as upon an execution against property issued upon the  
24 judgment of a court of record, and to return the warrant to the department and pay  
25 to it the money collected by virtue thereof within 60 days after receipt of the warrant.

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1 (b) The clerk of circuit court shall accept, file and enter each warrant under par.  
2 (a) and each satisfaction, release, or withdrawal under subs. (5), (6), and (8m) in the  
3 judgment and lien docket without prepayment of any fee, but the clerk of circuit court  
4 shall submit a statement of the proper fee semiannually to the department covering  
5 the periods from January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31 unless a different  
6 billing period is agreed to between the clerk of circuit court and the department. The  
7 fees shall then be paid by the department, but the fees provided by s. 814.61 (5) for  
8 entering the warrants shall be added to the amount of the warrant and collected from  
9 the employing unit or individual when satisfaction or release is presented for entry.

10 **SECTION 63.** 108.22 (8) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 108.22 (8) (b) 1. and  
11 amended to read:

12 108.22 (8) (b) 1. To recover any overpayment which is not otherwise repaid or  
13 recovery of which has not been waived, ~~or any assessment under s. 108.04 (11) (cm),~~  
14 the department may recoup the amount of the overpayment from benefits the  
15 individual would otherwise be eligible to receive, or file a warrant against the liable  
16 individual in the same manner as is provided in this section for collecting delinquent  
17 payments from employers, or both, ~~but only to the extent of recovering.~~

18 3. Any recovery under this paragraph is limited to the actual amount of the  
19 overpayment or assessment and any costs and disbursements, without interest.

20 **SECTION 64.** 108.22 (8) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

21 108.22 (8) (b) 2. To recover any assessment under s. 108.04 (11) (cm), the  
22 department may file a warrant against the liable individual in the same manner as  
23 is provided in this section for collecting delinquent payments from employers.

24 **SECTION 65.** 108.225 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1           108.225 (1) (a) "Contribution" includes a reimbursement or assessment under  
2 s. 108.15, 108.151, or 108.152, interest for a nontimely payment, fees, and any  
3 payment due for a forfeiture imposed upon an employing unit under s. 108.04 (11)  
4 (c) or other penalty assessed by the department under this chapter.

5           **SECTION 66.** 108.225 (20) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           108.225 (20) COST OF LEVY. Any Whenever property is secured by means of a  
7 levy, any 3rd party in possession of the debtor's property is entitled to collect from  
8 the debtor a levy fee of \$5 for each levy in any case where property is secured through  
9 the levy which a debt is satisfied by means of a single payment and \$15 for each levy  
10 in which a debt is satisfied by means of more than one payment. The fee is payable  
11 from the property levied against and is in addition to the amount of the levy. The 3rd  
12 party shall deduct the fee from the proceeds of may charge the fee to the debtor at  
13 the time the party transfers the proceeds of the levy to the department.

14           **SECTION 67.** 108.24 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

15           108.24 (2) Any Except as provided in s. 108.16 (8) (m), any person who  
16 knowingly makes a false statement or representation in connection with any report  
17 or as to any information duly required by the department under this chapter, or who  
18 knowingly refuses or fails to keep any records or to furnish any reports or information  
19 duly required by the department under this chapter, shall be fined not less than \$100  
20 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than 90 days or both; and each such false  
21 statement or representation and every day of such refusal or failure constitutes a  
22 separate offense.

23           **SECTION 68.** 165.066 of the statutes is created to read:

24           **165.066 Assistant attorney general; unemployment insurance law**  
25 **enforcement.** The attorney general shall assign at least 0.5 assistant attorney

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1 general position to assist in the investigation and prosecution of noncompliance with  
2 ch. 108.

3 **SECTION 69.** 165.60 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **165.60 Law enforcement.** The department of justice is authorized to enforce  
5 ss. 101.123 (2), (5), and (8), 944.30, 944.31, 944.33, 944.34, 945.02 (2), 945.03 (1m),  
6 and 945.04 (1m) and ch. 108 and is invested with the powers conferred by law upon  
7 sheriffs and municipal police officers in the performance of those duties. This section  
8 does not deprive or relieve sheriffs, constables, and other local police officers of the  
9 power and duty to enforce those sections, and those officers shall likewise enforce  
10 those sections.

11 **SECTION 70. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) **STUDY OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND.** The department of workforce  
13 development and the council on unemployment insurance shall jointly study the  
14 long-term fiscal stability of the unemployment reserve fund and shall determine  
15 what measures, if any, are required to maintain that stability. The department and  
16 the council shall report their findings and recommendations to the governor and the  
17 chief clerk of each house of the legislature for referral to the appropriate standing  
18 committees in the manner provided in section 13.172 (3) of the statutes no later than  
19 July 1, 2007.

20 (2) **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.** The authorized FTE  
21 positions for the department of justice are increased by 0.5 PR–S position on January  
22 1, 2006, to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.455 (2) (k) of the  
23 statutes.

24 **SECTION 71. Initial applicability.**

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1           (1) The treatment of sections 108.02 (12) (a) and 108.09 (2) (bm) and (4s) of the  
2 statutes first applies with respect to employment after December 31, 2005.

3           (2) The treatment of section 108.02 (15) (j) 7. of the statutes first applies with  
4 respect to employment after December 31, 2005.

5           (3) The treatment of section 108.02 (15) (k) 14. of the statutes first applies with  
6 respect to benefit years that begin on the effective date of this subsection.

7           (4) The treatment of section 108.02 (21e) (intro.) of the statutes first applies  
8 with respect to determinations issued under sections 108.09 and 108.10 of the  
9 statutes in the first week beginning in January 2006 or, with respect to  
10 determinations that are appealed, to decisions issued under sections 108.09 and  
11 108.10 of the statutes in the first week beginning in January 2006.

12           (5) The treatment of section 108.04 (1) (b) 1. and 3. (intro.) and (c) of the statutes  
13 first applies with respect to suspensions and terminations of employment occurring  
14 on the effective date of this subsection.

15           (6) The treatment of section 108.04 (1) (e) of the statutes first applies with  
16 respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on the effective date of this subsection.

17           (7) The treatment of section 108.04 (5) and (5g) of the statutes first applies with  
18 respect to discharges occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

19           (8) The treatment of section 108.04 (7) (f) of the statutes first applies with  
20 respect to terminations of employment occurring on the effective date of this  
21 subsection.

22           (9) The treatment of section 108.04 (13) (c), (e), and (g) of the statutes first  
23 applies with respect to redeterminations issued under section 108.09 of the statutes  
24 on the effective date of this subsection or, with respect to matters in which no

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1 redetermination is issued, with respect to decisions issued under section 108.09 of  
2 the statutes on the effective date of this subsection.

3 (10) The treatment of section 108.04 (16) (b) and (c) 2. of the statutes first  
4 applies with respect to determinations issued under section 108.09 of the statutes on  
5 the effective date of this subsection or, with respect to determinations that are  
6 appealed, to decisions issued under section 108.09 of the statutes on the effective  
7 date of this subsection.

8 (11) The treatment of section 108.05 (3) (a) of the statutes first applies with  
9 respect to weeks of unemployment beginning on the effective date of this subsection.

10 (12) The treatment of section 108.09 (4n) of the statutes first applies with  
11 respect to appeals filed on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (13) The treatment of section 108.105 (2) of the statutes first applies with  
13 respect to suspensions resulting from appeal tribunal hearings held on the effective  
14 date of this subsection.

15 (14) The treatment of sections 108.151 (4) (b) and (7), 108.16 (6w) and (6x),  
16 108.22 (1) (b) and (c) and (1m), and 108.225 (1) (a) of the statutes first applies with  
17 respect to payrolls for the 2005 calendar year.

18 (15) The treatment of sections 108.16 (8) (e) 1., (em), (h), (im), (m), and (n),  
19 108.18 (1) (a) and (2) (d), and 108.24 (2) of the statutes first applies with respect to  
20 transfers of businesses occurring after December 31, 2005.

21 (16) The treatment of section 108.17 (2b) of the statutes first applies to  
22 employers of 75 or more employees with respect to reports required under section  
23 108.17 (2) of the statutes for the 2nd quarter beginning after the quarter that  
24 includes the effective date of this subsection.

